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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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AMENDING RULE 16 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE THIRTY-THIRD  
LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2026, OF THE STATE OF  
HAWAII.

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
3 that the Rules of the Senate of the State of Hawaii be amended  
4 by amending Senate Rule 16 Standing Committees to read as  
5 follows:

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7 **"Rule 16 Standing Committees.**

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9 Standing Committees shall be appointed for major subject  
10 matter areas at the opening of the session, or as soon  
11 thereafter as possible. The Standing Committees and their areas  
12 of jurisdiction shall be as follows:

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14 (1) Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN). The  
15 purview of this committee includes agriculture and aquaculture,  
16 including mariculture; population; environmental quality control  
17 and protection, including litter control, recycling, wastewater  
18 treatment, endangered species, invasive species, and hazardous  
19 waste.

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21 (2) Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN).  
22 The purview of this committee includes those programs relating  
23 to business regulation, professional and vocational licensing,  
24 consumer protection, financial institutions, insurance  
25 regulation, public utility regulation, telecommunications  
26 regulations, the landlord tenant code, condominium property  
27 regimes, and leaseholds.

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29 (3) Committee on Education (EDU). The purview of this  
30 committee includes those programs relating to early childhood  
31 learning; early education, including the Hawaii P-20 Initiative;  
32 public schools; continuing education; ~~and~~ the public  
33 libraries[-]; those programs relating to the University of



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1 Hawaii, the community college system, private higher education  
2 bond financing, and other education matters relevant to higher  
3 education.  
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5 (4) Committee on Economic Development and Tourism (EDT).  
6 The purview of this committee includes programs related to  
7 economic development, including but not limited to authorities  
8 and corporations administratively attached to the Department of  
9 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism unless the authority  
10 or corporation is within the purview of another Standing  
11 Committee pursuant to this Rule; other emerging industries  
12 relating to development, financial and technical assistance to  
13 business, film and digital media production, astronomy, space  
14 exploration and aerospace development, biochemistry,  
15 biomedicine, biotechnology, other scientific research and  
16 development activities, recreation, including commercial ocean  
17 recreation activities, sports and athletics, and the Aloha  
18 Stadium; and those programs relating to tourism, including but  
19 not limited to the Hawaii Convention Center, Hawaii Visitors and  
20 Convention Bureau, and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.  
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22 (5) Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs  
23 (EIG). The purview of this committee includes those programs  
24 relating to energy and energy resources, including the  
25 development of alternative energy resources; matters of concern  
26 to the counties, including but not limited to, county and  
27 federal relations.  
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29 (6) Committee on Government Operations (GVO). The purview  
30 of this committee includes those programs relating to state  
31 government operations policy, including government efficiency,  
32 The Procurement Code, and state facilities, unless the state  
33 government operations policy, including government efficiency,  
34 departmental procurement, and state facilities is within the  
35 purview of another Standing Committee pursuant to this Rule.  
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37 (7) Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN). The purview of  
38 this committee includes those programs relating to Hawaiian  
39 affairs, including but not limited to the Office of Hawaiian  
40 Affairs, Hawaiian home lands, sovereignty, and burial councils.  
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1           (8) Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS). The  
2 purview of this committee includes general health, mental  
3 health, maternal and child health, communicable diseases, dental  
4 health, medical and hospital services, developmental  
5 disabilities, hospitals; public assistance, Medquest, youth  
6 services, day care programs under the Department of Human  
7 Services, vocational rehabilitation, long term care; promotion  
8 of the general well-being of Hawaii's youth, families, elderly  
9 population; and issues, services, and programs relating to  
10 homelessness.

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12           ~~[(9) Committee on Higher Education (HRE). The purview of~~  
13 ~~this committee includes those programs relating to the~~  
14 ~~University of Hawaii, the community college system, private~~  
15 ~~higher education bond financing, and other education matters~~  
16 ~~relevant to higher education, but excluding the Hawaii P-20~~  
17 ~~Initiative.~~

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19           ~~[(10)]~~ (9) Committee on Housing (HOU). The purview of this  
20 committee includes those programs relating to affordable and  
21 public housing; urban renewal; community development; housing  
22 development; and the housing of, or sheltering of, the homeless.

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24           ~~[(11)]~~ (10) Committee on Judiciary (JDC). The purview of  
25 this committee includes those programs relating to the courts,  
26 crime prevention and control, including juvenile justice  
27 matters; criminal code revision; statutory revision; campaign  
28 spending and elections; ethics; constitutional matters; the  
29 Attorney General, Public Defender, and Judiciary; and individual  
30 rights and civil liberties.

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32           ~~[(12)]~~ (11) Committee on Labor and Technology (LBT). The  
33 purview of this committee includes those programs relating to  
34 public officers and employees, labor, employment opportunities  
35 and training, labor-management relations, collective bargaining,  
36 the Employees' Retirement System, and the Hawaii Employer-Union  
37 Health Benefits Trust Fund; implementation and innovation of  
38 technology, including but not limited to information storage,  
39 transmission, processing, and telecommunications; and programs  
40 and issues addressed by the State's Chief Information Officer  
41 and the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, including any



boards, commissions, committees, and councils addressing technology issues.

~~[(13)]~~ (12) Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM). The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to law enforcement, including but not limited to ~~[programs relating to the State Department of Law Enforcement]~~ the narcotics division, the sheriffs division; county and state law enforcement officers; public safety; corrections and rehabilitation; civil defense; disaster readiness; state building code; county and federal relations; and military and veterans' affairs.

~~[(14)]~~ (13) Committee on Transportation ~~[and Culture and the Arts (TCA)]~~ (TRS). The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to air, water, and surface transportation, and transit-oriented development as it relates to transportation projects~~[-, programs relating to international affairs, international relations, foreign policy issues, and foreign relations; and matters of concern relating to culture and the arts in the State; and the Hawaii State Archives].~~

~~[(15)]~~ (14) Committee on Water ~~[and]~~ Land ~~[(WTL)]~~, Culture and the Arts (WLA). The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to state planning; historic preservation; sustainability; land and water management; forest management and reserve; coastal zone management; land reclamation; naturally occurring fisheries; ocean resources; state parks and beaches; management areas, including ocean recreation management areas and small boat harbors; ~~[and]~~ transit-oriented development as it relates to land use~~[-]~~; programs relating to international affairs, international relations, foreign policy issues, foreign relations; matters of concern relating to culture, arts, and the Hawaii State Archives.

~~[(16)]~~ (15) Committee on Ways and Means (WAM). The purview of this committee includes those programs relating to overall state financing policies, including revenue enhancement, taxation, other revenues, and cash and debt management; statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation; and government structure and finance."; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Rule material to be  
3 repealed is bracketed and stricken and new Senate Rule material  
4 is underscored; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments made to the  
7 Senate Rules by this Resolution take effect upon the adoption of  
8 this Resolution.  
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11 OFFERED BY:





