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SENATE RESOLUTION

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



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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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 [411] (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 [+] (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

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

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4 [+(13)] (12) Committee on Public Safety and Military
5 Affairs (PSM). The purview of this committee includes those
6 programs relating to law enforcement, including but not limited
7 to ~~programs relating to the State Department of Law~~
8 ~~Enforcement,~~ ~~the narcotics division, the sheriffs division;~~
9 ~~county and state~~ law enforcement officers; public safety;
10 corrections and rehabilitation; civil defense; disaster
11 readiness; state building code; ~~county and federal relations;~~
12 and military and veterans' affairs.

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

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23 [+(15)] (14) Committee on Water ~~[and]~~, Land ~~[(WTL).]~~,
24 Culture and the Arts (WLA). The purview of this committee
25 includes those programs relating to state planning; historic
26 preservation; sustainability; land and water management; forest
27 management and reserve; coastal zone management; land
28 reclamation; naturally occurring fisheries; ocean resources;
29 state parks and beaches; management areas, including ocean
30 recreation management areas and small boat harbors; ~~[and]~~
31 transit-oriented development as it relates to land use~~[-]~~;
32 ~~programs relating to international affairs, international~~
33 ~~relations, foreign policy issues, foreign relations; matters of~~
34 ~~concern relating to culture, arts, and the Hawaii State~~
35 Archives.

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37 [+(16)] (15) Committee on Ways and Means (WAM). The
38 purview of this committee includes those programs relating to
39 overall state financing policies, including revenue enhancement,
40 taxation, other revenues, and cash and debt management;
41 statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting,
42 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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OFFERED BY:




