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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 2 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 20](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LAVA ZONE INSURANCE.
Establishes a Lava Zone Insurance Fund to subsidize the cost of insurance premiums for properties in lava zones 1 and 2. Defines lava zones 1 and 2. Appropriates funds.

CPC, FIN

[HB 2612](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MORTGAGES.
Clarifies that a mortgage does not exist independent of the debt it secures and shall not be independently enforceable from the debt.

CPC, JHA

[HB 2404](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.
Establishes a General Cooperative Associations Act to provide a unified, flexible legal framework for cooperatives to form for any lawful purpose. Allows agricultural cooperative associations and consumer cooperative associations to elect governance under the General Cooperative Associations Act.

CPC, JHA



HB 2459, HD1 (HSCR171-26) Status	RELATING TO THE FOOD AND PRODUCT INNOVATION NETWORK. Requires the Food and Product Innovation Network to integrate a coordinated food safety and regulatory framework. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to establish performance indicators for the Food and Product Innovation Network, develop a market access strategy, align and harmonize state branding initiatives, and report certain data to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, CPC
HB 2194, HD1 (HSCR172-26) Status	RELATING TO LEI. Requires and establishes benchmarks for each state executive agency to ensure that a certain percentage of lei purchased by that executive agency consists of lei made entirely of natural objects and plant materials grown, harvested, and assembled in the State. Establishes labeling requirements for lei and lei materials. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 1880, HD1 (HSCR166-26) Status	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the use or application of a pesticide containing 1,3-dichloropropene as an active ingredient, such as Telone. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR/EEP, CPC, JHA
HB 2284, HD1 (HSCR259-26) Status	RELATING TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE. Establishes the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program within the Department of Human Services to assist qualifying households in paying their energy bills. Requires the Public Utilities Commission Public Benefits Fee Administrator to provide certain information and assistance to recipients of the program. Appropriates funds to implement the program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP/HSB, CPC, FIN
HB 1969, HD1 (HSCR58-26) Status	RELATING TO COLORECTAL CANCER. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a public assistance program offering state-funded colorectal screenings for certain persons. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT/HSB, CPC, FIN
HB 2458, HD1 (HSCR154-26) Status	RELATING TO SURVEILLANCE PRICING. Prohibits retailers from using surveillance pricing in the sale of food that is sold, or qualifies to be sold, as part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Establishes fines. Exemptions certain discounts and loyalty programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSB, CPC, JHA



<u>HB 1546, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR220-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Establishes a three-year Health Coverage Continuity Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to assist individuals who have lost Medicaid health insurance coverage and lack access to other health insurance options. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to contract with a nonprofit health insurer or community-based organization to operate the Pilot Program under certain circumstances. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to issue premium subsidies in certain circumstances. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals 6/30/2029. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSB, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2161, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR132-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PHARMACY. Establishes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts. Establishes the pharmacist workforce assessment fee. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1721, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR110-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Clarifies insurance, indemnification, and certain certificate of occupancy requirements for purposes of expedited permits. Repeals 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 1641, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR208-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Prohibits the lease or rental of a high-speed electric device. Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of a high-speed electric device, under certain conditions. Prohibits the operation of a high-speed electric device in certain situations. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 2137, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR152-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Part I: Prohibits certain harmful uses of and mandates disclosure for realistic digital imitations generated by artificial intelligence (AI). Establishes certain exemptions. Provides for civil actions and civil remedies for individuals injured by unauthorized AI-generated realistic digital imitations. Part II: Requires the disclosure of the use of synthetic performers in advertising. Establishes civil fines. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 1782, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR147-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS. Establishes safeguards, protections, oversight, and penalties for interactions between minors and artificial intelligence companion systems or conversational artificial intelligence services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, CPC, JHA
<u>HB 2360, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR188-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE. By 1/1/2029, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a family and medical leave insurance program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits. By 1/1/2030, requires the Department to begin receiving claims and paying benefits under the program. Specifies eligibility requirements and employee protections under the program. Excludes paid family and medical leave benefits from income tax. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, CPC, FIN



[HB 1965, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR57-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE.
Establishes the Primary Care Providers Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to address issues relating to, and develop recommendations for the stabilization of, primary care services in Hawaii. Requires the Working Group to make a report to the Legislature. Sunsets the Working Group on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HLT/HSB, CPC,
FIN

DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 3, 2026 at 2 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1897](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION.
Amends the conditions and procedures of alternative dispute resolution methods for condominium-related disputes, including the use of evaluative mediation or binding arbitration.

CPC, JHA

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 10, 2026 at 2 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1513](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.
Authorizes the issuance of reimbursable general obligation bonds to provide the necessary funds for the Condominium Loan Program. Appropriates funds from the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund to provide initial coverage of the bond payments.

CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi
Chair

