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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
TIME: 2 PM  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB2164 HD1, HB2165 HD1**

[HB 1984, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR713-26\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.  
By 7/1/2027, requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems that deems permit applications approved and allows applicants to proceed to build solar distributed energy resource systems immediately. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to develop guidance for determining specific conditions when a Federal Emergency Management Agency-mandated No-Rise Certification is not required for a solar distributed energy resource system located in a regulatory floodway. Effective 7/1/3000.  
(HD2)

EEP, WAL, CPC



<a href="#">HB 1593, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR576-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.</p> <p>Requires, for any affordable rental housing development project that receives financing or any financial assistance from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, that the Corporation require the housing development lease or occupancy agreement to allow residents to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HSG, CPC</p>
<a href="#">HB 2423, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR416-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO BIODIESEL.</p> <p>Requires the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to implement a requirement that, no later than January 1, 2028, diesel fuel sold in the State for use in on-highway diesel-powered motor vehicles contains no less than five per cent biodiesel by volume. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit a report to the Legislature, including a comprehensive rollout plan. Requires the Director to consult with the Department of Transportation and present the comprehensive rollout plan to the public. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>TRN, ECD, CPC</p>
<a href="#">HB 1691, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR433-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>Authorizes supporting documents used to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle to an insurance company after payment of damages from the result of a total loss insurance settlement to be signed electronically. Requires insurance companies to indemnify and hold harmless the Director of Finance for any claims resulting from the issuance of motor vehicle titles utilizing documents signed electronically without a notary. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TRN, CPC</p>
<a href="#">HB 2283, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR657-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE.</p> <p>Clarifies the consulting role and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' development and implementation of pilot licensure standards, requirements, and criteria. Repeals the inclusion of Port Allen as part of the waters of the State that are regulated by statutory pilotage requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TRN, CPC</p>
<a href="#">HB 2386, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR432-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS.</p> <p>Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish automatic adjustment mechanisms to address economic factors sua sponte or on application by a water carrier. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a water carrier inflationary cost index automatic adjustment mechanism. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to waive or exempt any water carrier from any requirement under the Hawaii Water Carrier Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TRN, CPC</p>
<a href="#">HB 1824</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.</p> <p>Allows small condominium associations to waive the requirement for the reserve study to be reviewed by an independent reserve study preparer every three years if a majority of unit owners at a meeting approve the waiver and complies with other requirements.</p>	<p>CPC</p>



DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

<a href="#">HB 1697</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING. Exempts natural hair braiders from licensing requirements under certain conditions.	CPC
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The following measure(s) were previously heard on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 2 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

<a href="#">HB 2164, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR634-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<b>RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.</b> <b>Defines compounded prescription drugs for the purposes of workers' compensation law. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</b>	<b>LAB, CPC</b>
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<a href="#">HB 2165, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR281-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<b>RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.</b> <b>Amends the qualifications for unemployed individuals who are able to receive unemployment benefits. Beginning 4/1/2027, removes the two-year limitation on the recoupment of overpayments. Beginning 4/1/2027, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assess and collect a service charge for dishonored unemployment insurance assessments. Beginning 4/1/2027, specifies that employers must report separation and wage information within five calendar days of notice being sent, whether by mail or electronic notification. Beginning 4/1/2027, increases the penalty for failure to report separations or wages and for failure to file or for filing insufficient wage reports. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</b>	<b>LAB, CPC</b>
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DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi  
Chair

