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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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RELATING TO ANIMALS.

Defines a "dog breeder" as any person who owns, possesses, controls, or otherwise has charge or custody of more than ten dogs over the age of twelve months with intact sexual organs, and who sells, barters, or otherwise transfers more than three litters and more than twenty-five dogs per calendar year. Requires dog breeders to meet minimum standards of care and not place certain types of dogs in the same enclosure to ensure the proper treatment and care of dogs and the dogs' offspring. Prohibits any person from owning or having custody of more than thirty dogs over one year with intact sexual organs. Requires dog breeders to maintain specific written records for each dog for a specified period. Authorizes each county to assess, implement, and enforce its own licensing system for dog breeders. Requires persons convicted of animal cruelty to register with the attorney general. Requires animal shelters, animal breeders, and pet stores to check whether an individual has been convicted of animal abuse when the individual applies to work or volunteer, or purchases or adopts an animal. Prevents persons convicted of animal cruelty from possessing, owning, or working in close proximity to animals. Establishes the offense of animal hoarding. Establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations. Increases criminal penalties for cruelty to animals in the first and second degree. Allows for increased penalties for persons convicted of cruelty to animals in the first and second degree in certain situations.

<u>SB 2209</u>	RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION. Allows the court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party in an action relating to discriminatory practices in a rental transaction based on source of income.	CPN, JDC
<u>SB 2884</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for a certain percentage of expenses paid to retrofit a residence with wind resistive devices or to purchase, install, or construct, a hurricane shelter on the taxpayer's property. Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or income from the sale of a concrete certified hurricane-resistant residential project or certain hurricane-resistant components of a high-rise condominium. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Sunsets 12/31/2030.	CPN, WAM
<u>SB 2922</u>	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.	CPN, JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Chair