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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
TIME: 9:35 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 20, HD1 (HSCR816-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO LAVA ZONE INSURANCE. Establishes a Lava Zone Insurance Special Fund to subsidize the cost of insurance premiums for properties in lava zones 1 and 2. Defines lava zones 1 and 2. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CPN, WAM
HB 276, HD1 (HSCR856-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Excludes a homeowner-developer from the annual requirement to file a developer's report and pay a fee if the homeowner's development consists of no more than two units, one in which the developer resides and one for which the initial sale of the other unit has been completed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CPN, WAM
HB 1546, HD1 (HSCR825-26) Status & Testimony	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)	CPN, WAM

<p><u>HB 1678, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR898-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS. Clarifies that in planned community association and condominium association elections conducted by cumulative voting, cumulative voting rights apply to all candidates, including write-ins, and that individual votes are used when allocating votes. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>CPN</p>
<p><u>HB 1679, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR900-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Clarifies an association board's authority with respect to calling and authorizing electronic meetings, electronic voting at electronic meetings, electronic voting without a meeting, and mail voting without a meeting. Clarifies that proxies are only to be used for any voting conducted at a meeting. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC</p>
<p><u>HB 1776, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR817-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Requires the Office of Consumer Protection to periodically publish an accessible, multilingual notice of tenant rights. Requires the notice to be included in the informational handbook on the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code maintained by the Office. Requires a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of the most recent notice of tenant rights in the tenant's preferred language, if available, and subjects the landlord to a fine for failure to do so. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC/WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1824, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR897-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Allows small condominium associations to waive the requirement for the reserve study to be reviewed by an independent reserve study preparer if a majority of unit owners at a meeting approve the waiver and certain other requirements are met, but prohibits associations from waiving this requirement for consecutive three-year periods. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>CPN</p>
<p><u>HB 1897, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR991-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>CPN, JDC</p>
<p><u>HB 1969, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR839-26)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>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. Requires coverage to include a follow-up colonoscopy after a positive test result. Specifies that coverage is not subject to a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or any other cost-sharing requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>CPN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair