

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 423  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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## A G E N D A

## HB 1943 Status

## RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ECD/TOU, FIN

Expands the purposes of the establishment and operation of offices in out-of-state locations to include serving Hawaii's businesses and tourism efforts through various initiatives. Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an out-of-state office in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Beijing office and Taipei office to promote "Made in Hawaii" branded products and increase the export of Hawaii products.



<a href="#">HB 1612</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a business competitiveness goal for the State to achieve a ranking of being in the top thirty states in the United States for business climate by 2045, with interim goals. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit annual reports on progress in meeting the business competitive goals. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1614</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing the State's matching contributions required by federal grants. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1968</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO PERMITTING. Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop a statewide permitting intake platform. Appropriates funds for the development of the platform, subject to a matching funds requirement from the counties.	ECD, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1967</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO PERMITTING. Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop a permitting workforce pipeline in partnership with the University of Hawaii and community colleges and coordinate with state and county permitting agencies on certain tasks related to classification levels, salary and benefits, hiring, and responsibilities of employees. Appropriates funds.	ECD, HED, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1589</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. Establishes the Hawaii Dementia Initiative Business Recognition Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates moneys.	ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1608</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST FENIX SPACE, INC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for the planning, design, and construction of the Fenix Space launch platform system and Fenix Space Hilo flight operations facility.	ECD, TRN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1850</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS TAX. Increases the capital gains tax rate for individuals, estates, and trusts to nine per cent. Increases the alternative capital gains tax for corporations to five per cent.	ECD, FIN

#### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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