

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Gregg Ilagan, Chair

Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Rep. Daniel Holt
Rep. Adrian K. Tam
Rep. Shirley Ann Templo

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Rep. Joe Gedeon

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 423
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Click [here](#) to submit testimony and to testify remotely or in person.

A live stream link of all House Standing Committee meetings will be available online shortly before the scheduled start time.

Click [here](#) for the live stream of this meeting via YouTube.

AGENDA

HB 1829 Status

RELATING TO MARINE AFFAIRS.

ECD, WAL, FIN

Declares that the State is an ocean cluster. Establishes the Office of Marine Affairs under the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for administrative purposes only. Establishes the Marine Affairs Coordinator position. Requires the Marine Affairs Coordinator to submit annual reports to the Governor and Legislature. Transfers the employees and functions of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Marine Affairs to the Office of Marine Affairs. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Marine Affairs Coordinator position.

HB 1615 Status

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

ECD, FIN

Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to contract for the services of a consultant to support the development, coordination, and implementation of certain state ocean technology and innovation initiatives and appropriates funds for this purpose.



HB 1613 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist and Marketing and Branding Specialist positions.	ECD, FIN
HB 1607 Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT. Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating bids or proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes tiered local preference percentages to be applied based on bid price. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria.	ECD, FIN
HB 1772 Status	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes the Small Business Procurement Program and Small Business Procurement Coordinator position permanently in the State Procurement Office. Repeals the Small Business Assistance Initiative established in Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
HB 1636 Status	RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS. Requires every business establishment that provides a shopping cart to mark each cart with identifying information. Authorizes a county to impound and dispose of a shopping cart and assess impound fees, storage fees, and disposal fees under certain circumstances. Authorizes the counties to return a shopping cart, in lieu of impoundment, to the business establishment, subject to certain fines.	ECD, WAL, JHA
HB 1810 Status	RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION. Requires professional solicitors operating public collection receptacles to solicit donations of non-perishable tangible property who later resell the items to deposit funds with charitable organizations within a specified timeframe, provide certain information in financial reports, and prominently disclose certain information on collection receptacles.	ECD, CPC
HB 1782 Status	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.	ECD, CPC, JHA
HB 1759 Status	RELATING TO THEFT. Creates the offense of organized retail theft. Provides penalties for organized retail theft which are increased based on value of property and leadership roles. Creates an organized retail theft task force.	ECD, JHA
HB 1798 Status	RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES. Establishes the offense of criminal property damage to critical infrastructure facilities as a class C felony. Expands the term "critical infrastructure" to include broadband and cable networks.	ECD, JHA

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.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be provided an opportunity to offer verbal comments. However, written submissions will be considered by the committee.

Please refrain from profanity or uncivil behavior. Violations may result in ejection from the hearing without the ability to rejoin.

For remote testifiers, the House will not be responsible for bad connections on the testifier's end.

For general help navigating the committee hearing process, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

The livestream and/or cable TV broadcast of this meeting will include closed captioning. If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation (including oral, written, or ASL interpretive services) or are unable to submit testimony via the website due to a disability, please contact the committee clerk at 808-586-6530. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

Click [here](#) for a complete list of House Guidelines for remote testimony.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at (808) 586-6530.

Rep. Gregg Ilagan
Chair

