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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 423
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1838](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO VISAS.

ECD, JHA, FIN

Establishes uniform statewide requirements for policies and processes for the issuance of U and T visa certifications for noncitizen victims of crime that are consistent with federal laws and regulations governing U and T visas. Requires each state and county certifying entity to adopt a policy and process for the issuance of U and T visa certifications, consistent with those statewide requirements. Appropriate funds for the Department of the Attorney General to provide training to state and county certifying entities so that the policies and processes comply with all federal requirements. Appropriates funds to the Department of the Attorney General for the training.



[HB 1870](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS.
Establishes statewide standards for state and county agencies, officers, and employees, and recipients of state funds, to limit participation in civil immigration enforcement in or near protected community locations that provide state-funded services related to education, physical or mental health, social services such as shelter care or food assistance, or access to justice, including schools, health care facilities, libraries, shelters, and places of worship. Requires the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii State Public Library System, and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to adopt and post written policies, provide annual staff training, and maintain data privacy protections. Appropriates funds for implementation by the Attorney General.

ECD, JHA, FIN

[HB 2445](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY.
Requires the Department of Education to develop, establish, and implement a standardized emergency response plan governing immigration enforcement activity at or near public schools.

ECD, EDN, JHA

[HB 2540](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
Prohibits with certain exceptions, the use of facial coverings and requires visible identification by law enforcement officers and their vehicles in the performance of their duties. Requires state and county law enforcement agencies to establish policies regarding state and county cooperation with federal civil immigration enforcement. Prohibits law enforcement officers from prolonging a stop to inquire about a person's civil immigration status. Establishes criminal offenses for improper facial coverings, lack of visible identification, and unauthorized civil immigration interrogation.

ECD, JHA

[HB 1886](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
Establishes provisions regarding state and federal collaboration. Establishes identification and facial coverings standards for state and federal law enforcement officers. Specifies that when federal law enforcement officers arrest a person without a warrant, that it is done so in their personal capacity.

ECD, JHA

[HB 1839](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.
Requires state and county law enforcement agencies to notify an individual in the custody of a state or county law enforcement agency of their rights before any interview with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement pertaining to certain matters regarding civil immigration violations can commence. Designates all records relating to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to detained individuals provided by a state or local law enforcement agency as public records. Requires state and county law enforcement agencies that have provided the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to a detained individual within the previous year to hold two public forums per year.

ECD, JHA



[HB 2269](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE MOTION PICTURE, DIGITAL MEDIA, AND
FILM PRODUCTION INCOME TAX CREDIT.

ECD, FIN

Increases the qualified production credit from twenty-two per cent to twenty-seven per cent in any county of the State with a population of over seven hundred thousand and twenty-seven per cent to thirty-two per cent in any county of the State with a population of less than seven hundred thousand. Lifts the per production cap of \$17,000,000 for productions with qualified expenditures of \$60,000,000 per project. Increases the annual cap to \$60,000,000 from \$50,000,000 for the total amount of the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit allowed under section 235-17, HRS, and extends the sunset date of the tax credit to January 1, 2038. Clarifies and amends the requirement for an independent third-party certification and expands the definition of "qualified production" to include streaming platforms for the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit. Includes a definition of "streaming platform".

[HB 1939](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

ECD, FIN

Amends the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit by providing additional credits to qualified productions that have a workforce of at least eighty per cent local hires and that either have an above-the-line workforce of at least thirty per cent local hires, invest in qualified production infrastructure, feature indigenous content, or conduct post-production in the State; establishing that the minimum local hires requirement will increase to eighty-two per cent in the third consecutive taxable year that the additional credit is claimed and to eighty-five per cent in the fifth consecutive taxable year; authorizing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to waive the credit cap per qualified production for one qualified production each fiscal year; and requiring the Hawaii Film Office to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

[HB 2037](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

ECD, FIN

Increases the aggregate cap on credits allowed in any given year for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000.

[HB 1635](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

ECD, FIN

Makes broadcast and streaming platform productions and commercial advertisement productions with Internet-only distribution eligible to receive the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.

[HB 1941](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

ECD, FIN

Amends the requirements for productions to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax to include completing at least fifteen per cent of the production's principal photography and post-production in the State within the same taxable year the production is qualifying for the Tax Credit.



[HB 1576](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FILMING.

ECD, FIN

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production obtains a permit or enters into a memorandum of agreement or understanding with DBEDT to film a visually recorded production at certain locations. Requires DBEDT to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production registers for pre-qualification or is determined to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit and simultaneously post notice on a publicly accessible part of its website. Allows individuals to sign up to receive notice by electronic mail or postal mail.

[HB 2568](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE FILM INDUSTRY.

ECD, FIN

Increases the fee amount collected from taxpayers claiming the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit and requires a portion of funds collected from the fee to be used to support the vertical film industry in the State.

[HB 2267](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

ECD, FIN

Expands the funding sources of the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund to include revenues received by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism from managing the Hawaii Film Studio.

[HB 2590](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

ECD, FIN

Imposes the manufacturing general excise tax rate on motion picture, digital media, and film productions and repeals the provision in the definition of "qualified production costs" that applied the term to mean costs incurred that are subject to the highest general excise tax rate. Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received by a motion picture project employer from a client company equal to amounts that are disbursed by the motion picture project employer for employee wages, salaries, payroll taxes, insurance premiums, and employment benefits and payments to loan-out companies.

[HB 2266](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO.

ECD, WAL, FIN

Provides an exemption to dispositions of lands set aside for film studio and film studio operation from prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, thus streamlining the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's use of the Hawaii film studio for filming activity and other film-related business in order to more efficiently develop Hawaii's film, media, and creative industries.



[HB 2597](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, FIN

Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website through the phased development and publishing of an artificial intelligence chatbot and necessary data visualizations on statewide shared data sets to assist the public in navigating the open data portal website and finding information about statewide services across state departments and agencies. Requires the Chief Data Officer to develop a system to evaluate and select for procurement artificial intelligence governance tools for use by state departments and agencies and establish a mechanism for reporting and publication of artificial intelligence use cases and artificial intelligence vendors used by the departments and agencies. Appropriates funds.

[HB 2499](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.

ECD, JHA, FIN

Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to coordinate the development and maintenance of statewide standards for the collection, management, and reporting of race and ethnicity demographic data by any state or county department, agency, board, or commission. Focuses the use of collected demographic data on areas of public interest and establishes transparency and accountability requirements regarding artificial intelligence systems associated with the collected data. Requires state and county departments, agencies, boards, and commissions that collect race and ethnicity data to report to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services on meeting federal data collection requirements. Appropriates funds.

[HB 2500](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, CPC, JHA

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires a developer of an algorithmic decision system to provide certain disclosures to a deployer and an individual who is or will be affected by a decision made, informed, or influenced by the algorithmic decision system. Provides certain rights and procedures for individuals to access and correct data used by an algorithmic decision system. Requires disclosure requirements for generative artificial intelligence systems. Provides that a developer and deployer of an algorithmic decision system are jointly and severally liable for a violation of any law that results from the deployer's use of the developer's system, under certain conditions. Assigns enforcement responsibilities to the attorney general, including establishing rules.

[HB 2502](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, CPC, JHA

Requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users. Requires operators to develop protocols to prevent the production of suicidal ideations in account holders and users. Establishes protections for minor account holders of conversational artificial intelligence services. Beginning January 1, 2027, requires operators to submit annual reports to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs containing certain information. Allows the Department of the Attorney General to bring a civil action against operators who violate certain requirements and establishes statutory penalties.

[HB 2607](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PUBLICITY RIGHTS.

ECD, JHA

Protects a person's right to publicity from artificial intelligence deepfakes.



[HB 2137](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

ECD, CPC, JHA

Part I: Prohibits certain harmful uses of and mandates disclosure for realistic digital imitations generated by artificial intelligence (AI). Establishes certain exemptions. Provides for civil actions and civil remedies for individuals injured by unauthorized AI-generated realistic digital imitations. Part II: Requires the disclosure of the use of synthetic performers in advertising. Establishes civil fines.

DECISION-MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Friday, January 30, 2026**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1782](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE
PROTECTION OF MINORS.

ECD, CPC, JHA

Establishes safeguards, protections, oversight, and penalties for interactions between minors and artificial intelligence companion systems or conversational artificial intelligence services.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

