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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 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 1813](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.
Amends and repeals certain exemptions under the general excise tax
and use tax laws.

ECD, FIN

[HB 2429](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION.
Requires tax expenditure disclosure to, and evaluation by, the
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for
certain income tax credits and general excise and use tax exemptions.

ECD, FIN

[HB 2423, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR86-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BIODIESEL.
Requires the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism to implement a requirement that, no later than January 1,
2028, diesel fuel sold in the State for use in on-highway diesel-
powered motor vehicles contains no less than five per cent biodiesel by
volume. Requires the Director to consult with the Department of
Transportation and present a comprehensive rollout plan to the public.
Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TRN, ECD, CPC



HB 1996, HD1 (HSCR50-26) Status	RELATING TO HEARING AIDS. Exempts from the general excise tax, gross receipts from the sale of hearing aids received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a practitioner licensed to administer drugs to an individual. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, ECD, FIN
HB 1851, HD1 (HSCR19-26) Status	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an apprenticeship program income tax credit for certain qualified costs incurred by a qualified apprenticeship program. Contains an unspecified sunset date. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, ECD, FIN
HB 2546 Status	RELATING TO TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Restores the provision that makes references to the Internal Revenue Code's base-amount requirement inapplicable to the Research Activities Tax Credit, allowing all qualified research expenses to be claimed without regard to prior-year expenses. Increases the annual cap for the Research Activities Tax Credit.	ECD, FIN
HB 2028, HD1 (HSCR17-26) Status	RELATING TO LABOR DAY. Establishes a nonrefundable tax credit for employers who provide a paid Labor Day holiday to construction workers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, ECD, FIN
HB 2583 Status	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Hawaii Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to expand micro-lending capacity by providing state-funded loan loss reserves or other credit enhancement that absorbs first losses on qualified micro-loans made by participating lenders to Hawaii small businesses. Allows borrower fees and state matching contributions to capitalize lender-held loan loss reserve accounts. Establishes the Hawaii Micro-Lending Credit Enhancement Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
HB 2490, HD1 (HSCR97-26) Status	RELATING TO COASTAL RESILIENCE. Establishes a five-year Coastal Resilience Pilot Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the preservation of Mantokuji Bay. Allows the Pilot Program to be exempt from certain regulatory requirements. Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to conduct a streamlined historic preservation review. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, ECD, FIN
HB 2545 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish the Small Business Innovation Research Matching Program. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to establish a STEM education outreach program. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to develop an economic diversification strategic plan. Appropriates funds for economic diversification and defense ecosystem development.	ECD, FIN



HB 2114, HD1 (HSCR66-26) Status	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Establishes the Hawaii Benefits Hub within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Expands the responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer to include collaboration on the development and implementation of a statewide portal to government services. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, ECD, FIN
HB 1859, HD1 (HSCR18-26) Status	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Requires the Workforce Development Council to recommend to the Governor, a comprehensive Statewide Workforce Strategy to inclusion in the State Unified Plan and be responsible for facilitating the alignment of workforce development efforts and programs conducted by state departments and agencies to achieve the State Unified Plan and the Comprehensive Statewide Workforce Strategy. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LAB, ECD, FIN
HB 2534, HD1 (HSCR74-26) Status	RELATING TO ROBOTICS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to establish robotics as an interscholastic sport. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, ECD, FIN
HB 2474 Status	RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. Authorizes the Governor and Legislature to enter into nonbinding international cooperative agreements with foreign national governments, foreign subnational jurisdictions, and regional intergovernmental partners. Authorizes the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission to review proposals for sister-state or province partnerships and international cooperative agreements.	ECD, FIN
HB 1863 Status	RELATING TO AN HONORARY AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. Establishes an honorary ambassador to Canada position within the Business Development and Support Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
HB 2475 Status	RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS. Establishes labeling requirements for 'ōkolehao products.	ECD, CPC

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Greggor Ilagan
Chair

