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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
TIME: 1:02 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

<u>SB 2072</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TOURISM. Appropriates moneys to sponsor a Michelin Guide for restaurants statewide.	EDT, WAM
<u>SB 3049</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TRADE-ORIENTED PRODUCTION CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes the Trade-Oriented Production Capacity Grant Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that expand the State's manufacturing and production capacity for trade. Provides grants for equipment, automation, and facility improvements that directly increase output, efficiency, and competitiveness for eligible businesses, with required private-sector matching funds. Prioritizes traded-sector businesses with interstate or international market potential to help generate measurable near-term trade and economic returns. Appropriates funds.	EDT, WAM
<u>SB 3166</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Appropriates funds to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist position and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Marketing and Branding Specialist position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.	EDT, WAM

<u>SB 3167</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.	EDT, WAM
<u>Status & Testimony</u>	Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to procure a third-party consultant to develop a statewide blue economy and ocean technology and innovation strategy. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	
<u>SB 3168</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.	EDT, WAM
<u>Status & Testimony</u>	Establishes the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation Revolving Fund to provide state matching funds for federal grants awarded to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation that support innovation, technology, research, and manufacturing initiatives. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	
<u>SB 3227</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.	EDT, WAM
<u>Status & Testimony</u>	Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish state goals and implement projects to advance economic diversification through innovation and technology. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program, Manufacturing Assistance Program, and accelerator and small business training programs. Requires annual reporting to the Legislature.	
<u>SB 3228</u>	RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE.	EDT, WAM
<u>Status & Testimony</u>	Establishes the sustainable tourism infrastructure matching grant program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that advance measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes within the State's visitor industry. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	
<u>SB 3278</u>	RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION.	EDT, WAM
<u>Status & Testimony</u>	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.	

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair