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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
TIME: 1:04 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 2429, HD2 (HSCR1115-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION. Requires tax expenditure disclosure statements to, and evaluation by, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for certain income tax credits and general excise and use tax exemptions. Applies to tax years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDT, WAM
HB 2546, HD2 (HSCR1111-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Amends the tax credit for research activities by: allowing taxpayers to claim all qualified research expenses without regard to prior-year expenses; increasing the annual cap; requiring the tax credit to be divided on a proportional basis if the annual statewide cap is reached; and requiring the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an annual application period and notify each qualified high technology business applicant of the credit amount certified. Applies retroactive to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2024. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDT, WAM

[HB 1576, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR781-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO FILMING.

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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. Provides an exemption for dispositions of lands set aside for filming and film studio operation from prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Senator Lynn DeCoite
Chair