

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: HHS

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following two bills were originally scheduled to be heard on Monday, February 9, 2026, but due to the severe weather event over the weekend, the hearing was cancelled. All testimony previously submitted will be available to the committee and posted on the Legislature's website prior to the hearing and therefore, does not need to be resubmitted. New testimony will be accepted.

[SB 2969](#)

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RELATING TO THE MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE STUDY AND MAUI HEALTH REGISTRY.

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawai'i to expand and sustain services provided by the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry.

EDU/HHS, WAM
[Measure added
on 02-09-26]

[SB 2657](#)

[Status &](#)
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RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS RESEARCH.

Establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawaii within the University of Hawaii. Requires the Research Center to be administratively affiliated with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Requires JABSOM, the Research Center, University of Hawaii Center on Aging, and University of Hawaii at Manoa to identify opportunities to capitalize on collaboration between the parties and maximize operational efficiencies. Requires the Research Center to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

EDU/HHS, WAM
[Measure added
on 02-09-26]

[SB 2612](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN SCHOOLS.

EDU/HHS, JDC

Clarifies that the Department of Education and its employees and agents shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability arising from assisting students with the administration of medication under certain circumstances.

[SB 2412](#)

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

EDU/HHS, WAM

Appropriates moneys to establish a bachelor's degree program in American Sign Language interpretation at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus with a multi-year plan to include a master's degree program for interpreter training.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Please note the following:

- The number of oral testifiers and/or time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair when necessary to adhere to the committee hearing schedule. We may not be able to accommodate everyone who requests to testify orally.
- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **1:00 minute** each.

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Chair

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