

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
TIME: 1:11 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EDU

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A G E N D A

[HB 2592, HD2](#)

[\(HSCR1194-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY.
Clarifies the powers of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority so that it may carry out its intended duties regarding land use on Mauna Kea. Part II: Transfers as a matter of law certain real property interests in the Mauna Kea lands to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Part III: Requires the University of Hawaii to transfer the various Mauna Kea astronomical observatory conservation district use permits to the astronomical observatories. Part IV: Provides that the existing plans and administrative rules adopted or developed by the University of Hawaii under which Mauna Kea is currently governed remain in effect until plans and administrative rules adopted by the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority take effect. Part V: Clarifies that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority has state sovereign immunity. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

WLA/EDU,
JDC/WAM

[HB 2437, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR766-26\)](#)

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RELATING TO ARTS EDUCATION.
Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the Artists in the Schools Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Chris Lee
Chair

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