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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2026
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 812, HD1 (HSCR392) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes a contract for the purchase of local produce having a value of more than \$25,000 to be for a term of at least five years, under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
HB 2017, HD2 (HSCR748-26) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. For taxable years beginning 1/1/2027, establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for certain agricultural investment costs incurred for agricultural activities conducted on Hawaiian home lands. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
HB 2113, HD1 (HSCR329-26) Status	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation for the removal of overgrown vegetation from the Kainahola Stream. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN



HB 1605, HD1 (HSCR402-26) Status	RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for the development of its human and community resilience institute. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, HED, FIN
HB 2139, HD1 (HSCR477-26) Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to conduct a study on effective treatment methods to reduce populations of the Queensland Longhorn Beetle. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, HED, FIN
HB 2340, HD1 (HSCR406-26) Status	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2025–2026 to the University of Hawaii to expand and sustain the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN
HB 1676, HD1 (HSCR401-26) Status	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Establishes an Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force to develop guidelines and recommendations for the use of artificial intelligence in state public education. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED/EDN, FIN
HB 1872, HD1 (HSCR623-26) Status	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM. Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED/EDN, LAB, FIN
HB 1952, HD1 (HSCR590-26) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvements for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Agricultural Research and Extension Station on Kauai. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, AGR, FIN
HB 1970, HD1 (HSCR298-26) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center Hawaii Tumor Registry. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HED, FIN
HB 2005, HD2 (HSCR639-26) Status	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Establishes a statewide language access education and workforce development program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HED, LAB, FIN
HB 2159, HD2 (HSCR552-26) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Establishes positions and appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to support health care workforce development in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HED, HLT, FIN



HB 2161, HD2 (HSCR679-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO PHARMACY.</p> <p>Establishes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts. Establishes the pharmacist workforce assessment fee. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HED, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 2171, HD1 (HSCR541-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Authorizes the University of Hawaii to engage in enterprise-related activities for educational purposes, under certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 2338, HD1 (HSCR300-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.</p> <p>Amends the Hawaii Community College Promise Program (Hawaii promise) to exclude grants, scholarships, and other funding sources from the calculation of Hawaii promise awards, allowing students to apply such funds toward indirect costs, including housing, food, and other living expenses, to reduce financial barriers and support student success. Addresses the change in federal law regarding Pell Grants. Changes Hawaii promise from being a last-dollar award. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
HB 2339, HD1 (HSCR302-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS.</p> <p>Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
HB 2384, HD2 (HSCR761-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPENSATION.</p> <p>Affirms student-athletes' rights to engage in name, image, and likeness activities for compensation. Requires the University of Hawaii to adopt policies governing institutional name, image, and likeness agreements and other aspects of name, image, and likeness activity consistent with federal law, rules by an intercollegiate athletics governing body such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and Title IX. Establishes certain transparency and accountability requirements in the administration of institutional name, image, and likeness activities. Provides protections and educational support for student-athletes who enter into name, image, and likeness agreements. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HED, CPC/JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2489, HD1 (HSCR301-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>
HB 2519, HD1 (HSCR613-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Establishes block appropriations and increases fiscal flexibility for the University of Hawaii. Establishes a University of Hawaii Budget Stabilization Fund, authorizes limited procurement and fiscal exemptions, and implements performance-based funding metrics. Requires annual fiscal and performance reporting to the Legislature and provides a transition framework for the move to block budgeting. Effective July 1, 3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, FIN</p>



<u>HB 2547</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CORPORATE BONDS. Authorizes the Director of Finance to invest certain state moneys in short-term investment grade corporate bonds.	FIN
<u>HB 2280</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. Appropriates moneys out of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2026-2027 to maintain the levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare, to provide for counter cyclical economic and employment programs of economic downturn, to restore facilities destroyed or damaged or services disrupted by disaster, and to meet other emergencies declared by the governor or determined to be urgent by the legislature.	FIN
<u>HB 1565, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR738-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Establishes a working group within the Judiciary to improve family court processes, including access to legal representation for youth in the child welfare system. Appropriates funds for the working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2310, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR523-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Provides an emergency appropriation to the Department of Human Services to replace general fund appropriations redirected to provide emergency food assistance during the 2025 federal government shutdown. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2561, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR735-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FERAL ANIMALS. Declares feral chickens on public lands as a public nuisance and controllable pest in a city with a population of three hundred thousand or more. Prohibits supporting feral chickens on public lands, including by feeding chickens. Prohibits the abandonment of chickens on public lands or on private property without consent. Establishes fines and authorized enforcing agencies. Appropriates funds for the receipt, handling, and humane disposition of feral chickens that have already been caught. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2329</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. Conforms Hawaii income and estate and generation-skipping transfer tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended as of December 31, 2025.	FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Chris Todd
Chair

