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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 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 #2

[HB 1804, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR47-26\)](#)  
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RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING.  
Establishes a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to examine the feasibility of different financing options for long-term care services and supports. Permits the Commission, through the Auditor, to contract for services of a part-time project director and prepare proposals for contracts for consultants to support the work of the Commission. Requires the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HLT, FIN



<a href="#">HB 2173, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR351-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AMBULANCES.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui, fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, and increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1572, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR736-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to: (1) Establish a Restorative Aquaculture Development Program to reduce aquaculture permit processing time, support aquaculture infrastructure expansion, increase the aquaculture workforce, and pursue federal aquaculture grants; (2) Establish three pilot demonstration sites for restorative aquaculture; and (3) Convene a Restorative Aquaculture Advisory Council. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AGR, JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2548, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR383-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.</p> <p>Establishes the Climate-Resilient Food Systems Grant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR/EEP, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1601, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR716-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.</p> <p>Amends the expending agency for a fiscal year 2026-2027 appropriation for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, WAL, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 2119, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR642-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL.</p> <p>Temporarily reestablishes the Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust Pesticide Subsidy Program and the program manager position, including the position's civil service and collective bargaining laws exemption. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the operation and implementation of the Pesticide Subsidy Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, LAB, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1929, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR592-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.</p> <p>Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop a Molokai Biosecurity Plan to prevent the spread of invasive species found elsewhere in the State to the island of Molokai. Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for a plants and plant materials inspection and quarantine facility on the island of Molokai and facility staffing. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1953, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR596-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes a two-year Conservation and Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Pilot Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>



<a href="#">HB 2216, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR325-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to package and sell a portion of its agricultural loan portfolio to permitted third parties. Appropriates funds out of the Agricultural Loans Revolving Fund to increase its expenditure ceiling. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2246, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR323-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION. Creates an agricultural grant program and revolving fund for the purposes of grant application, execution, reporting, and auditing to be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Appropriates funds out of the agricultural grant revolving fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2549, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR598-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. Establishes a Clean Plant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to support the production, maintenance, and distribution of disease-free, clean plant material to growers, nurseries, and other agricultural producers in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2551, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR597-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for the Area-Wide Fruit Fly Suppression Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2594, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR326-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to conduct a study on insurance coverage for small agricultural producers. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2595, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR327-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO REGIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION. Establishes the Regional Agricultural Feasibility and Food Systems Production Studies Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to provide coordinated, region-specific agricultural production and crop feasibility analysis across the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1890, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR480-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Provides annual salary step increases for public school teachers who have completed one year's satisfactory service and comply with specified requirements, subject to certain requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EDN, LAB, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1893, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR479-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Clarifies that public charter school teachers are eligible for incentives under the Teacher National Board Certification Incentive Program. Increases the bonus per year for each public school teacher and public charter school teacher who maintains current national board certification from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, LAB, FIN



<a href="#">HB 2172, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR637-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.  Establishes a 5-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions. Repeals 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, LAB, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1595, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR692-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARIAN.  Repeals the salary cap for the state librarian. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2004, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR518-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.  Extends the Librarian Pilot Program established by Act 135, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, through 2030. Authorizes the Department of Education to select a second school complex on Oahu to be part of the pilot program if no appropriate school complex on the neighbor islands can be identified. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1811, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR505-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATOR STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT.  Establishes the Educator Student Loan Repayment Program to provide for the repayment of qualified student loans for certain educators in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN/HED, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2168, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR605-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  Requires the Department of Education to establish a program for the support of students experiencing homelessness. Requires the Department to designate a state coordinator position and state navigator positions to implement the program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2560, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR522-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.  Establishes a two-year-pilot program within the Department of Human Services to provide temporary financial stabilization assistance to families with students identified as experiencing homelessness. Funds the program through the Department of Human Services using allowable Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds. Requires Department of Education Complex Area Community Homeless Concerns Liaison to make approved purchases. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2427, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR606-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH.  Entitles unaccompanied homeless youth, including runaway youth, with the rights, as provided by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, to immediate enrollment in school, full participation in school activities, and access to comparable school and educational services provided to other students. Establishes a student-centered, safety-first protocol for unaccompanied homeless youth enrolling in or attending school. Permits unaccompanied homeless youth to provisionally enroll in school without providing immunization records. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, HSH, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1780, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR491-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION.  Requires the Department of Education to establish a student bus fare rate system that includes free bus passes for students who meet certain statutory requirements. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN



<a href="#">HB 1781, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR500-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to establish a Numeracy Coaching Program to provide numeracy coaches in certain Department of Education elementary schools, middle schools, and intermediate schools to support teachers, improve instruction, and ensure that students develop a strong foundation in mathematics. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1785, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR488-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Education to hire a new contractor if a contractor under a student transportation contract fails to provide service on a contracted route for five or more consecutive instructional days. Authorizes the use of the school bus fare revolving fund to offset costs associated with procuring replacement services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1803, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR503-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT HEAT EXPOSURE.</p> <p>Requires the Board of Education to adopt a heat acclimatization and practice policy based on the Hawaii Athletic Trainers Association's Hawaii High School Athletic Association Heat Acclimatization and Practice Policy of 2017 for students in grades kindergarten to twelve in Department of Education schools and public charter schools statewide for certain physical activities. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1891, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR492-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia sensitive linguistically appropriate universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1894, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR519-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; provide braille literacy support services; cooperate with the Department of Human Services when requested to submit information necessary to maintain a register of the blind in the State; provide comprehensive information about braille literacy services, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services, including educational programming options; and participate in the development of section 504 plans and individualized education programs. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1925, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR315-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE EDUCATION.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a climate literacy certificate program to provide students with an advanced understanding of climate change through academic coursework and hands-on learning. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2019, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR502-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Executive Office on Early Learning to administer funding for family-child interaction learning programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN



<a href="#">HB 2147, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR753-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES VIII AND X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A SURCHARGE ON RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.</p> <p>Proposes amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution to repeal the counties' exclusive power to tax real property, and to authorize the Legislature to establish a state surcharge on real property taxes levied by the counties on certain residential investment properties, for the purpose of helping to fund public education for all of Hawaii's children and adults. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, JHA, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1896, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR516-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support community schools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2294, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR704-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER.</p> <p>Amends Act 307, SLH 2022, to revise tax map key numbers and the conveyance process by which identified properties are to be conveyed to the Department of Education. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	EDN, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2298, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR531-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the armed services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, PBS, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2300, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR320-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT.</p> <p>Adjusts the applicability of Act 134, SLH 2025, to clarify the threshold for Department of Education procurement of local edible produce and packaged food products. Prohibits the artificial division and parceling of Department of Education procurements of local edible produce and packaged food products. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2344, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR490-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.</p> <p>Establishes a temporary, independent Public School Realignment and Closure Commission to develop and recommend a comprehensive package of school consolidations, realignments, and closures based on the federal Base Realignment and Closure model. Requires an expedited approval process by the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2345, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR489-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.</p> <p>Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish geographically based capital improvement project districts for the localized management of deferred maintenance. Transfers all deferred maintenance functions, funds, and vacant facilities development branch positions from the Department of Education to the School Facilities Authority. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EDN, FIN



<a href="#">HB 2391, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR514-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a general excise tax holiday on school supplies. Requires businesses to pass the savings from the general excise tax holiday to consumers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2399, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR517-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING. Appropriates funds to the State Public Charter School Commission for prekindergarten-only public charter schools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2454, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR504-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL. Requires the Department of Transportation to administer the Safe Routes to School Program. Amends the purposes for which funds of the Safe Routes to School Special Fund may be used for. Establishes deadlines for when funds from Safe Routes to School Special Fund that are allocated to the counties should be obligated or expended by. (HD1)	EDN, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2534, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR419-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO ROBOTICS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to establish robotics as an interscholastic sport. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, ECD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2567, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR497-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Establishes the Early Childhood Education Investment Special Fund. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, FIN

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Rep. Chris Todd  
Chair

