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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 2:05p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 2441 Status	RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY. Requires students of the University of Hawaii, including transfer students, to complete training on federal laws and University policies regarding sexual misconduct prior to the completion of initial registration into the university of Hawaii system. Amends the frequency that training and programming regarding sexual misconduct is provided to university of Hawaii students and employees.	HED, JHA, FIN
HB 2159 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.	HED, HLT, FIN
HB 2161 Status	RELATING TO PHARMACY. 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.	HED, CPC, FIN



<u>HB 2171</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the University of Hawaii to engage in enterprise-related activities for educational purposes.	HED, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 2416</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO A MARITIME YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM. Directs Honolulu Community College, in partnership with state agencies and maritime employers, to conduct a study and develop a plan for a statewide Maritime Youth Apprenticeship Program for individuals ages 16 to 24. Requires a report to the Legislature with recommendations on program structure, resource needs, proposed legislation and implementation options. Appropriates moneys.	HED, LAB, FIN
<u>HB 2518</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a facilities and student housing master plan. Requires reports to the Legislature.	HED, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 2617</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO. Establishes the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Authorizes the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund to include moneys from any revenue source and requires expenditures in the fund to be used to support the Imiloa Astronomy Center. Requires the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund to support the Hawaiian-Language-Medium Education Pathway. Establishes a cap on individual deposits into the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund and the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund.	HED, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2338</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM. 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.	HED, FIN
<u>HB 2339</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects.	HED, FIN
<u>HB 2489</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. 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.	HED, FIN
<u>HB 2517</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION. Establishes a statewide framework for the assessment and the award of academic credit for prior learning acquired through military service, workforce training, apprenticeships, professional certifications, and other structured learning experiences outside of traditional classrooms.	HED, FIN



[HB 2158](#)

[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

HED, FIN

Requires the UH system to collect, maintain, and publish standardized program-level data for each academic program offered. Requires maintenance of an online dashboard with program-level data. Requires an annual report.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Andrew Takuya Garrett
Chair

