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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 2:00p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 309
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2519](#)
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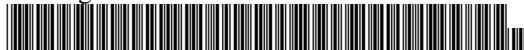
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Establishes block appropriations and increases fiscal flexibility for the University of Hawaii. Establishes a University of Hawaii Budget Stabilization Fund, authorizes limited procurement and fiscal exemptions, and implements performance-based funding metrics. Requires annual fiscal and performance reporting to the Legislature and provides a transition framework for the move to block budgeting.

HED, FIN

[HB 2409](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Establishes the Hawaii Geological Survey in the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Designates the Director of the Survey, rather than the Geophysics and Planetology Institute specialist qualified in geology, as the State Geologist.

HED, FIN



<u>HB 2141, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR258-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES. Expands the activities that would be considered an "eligible business activity" for businesses within an enterprise zone to qualify for enterprise zone benefits. Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to declare up to two areas in the State to be designated as an enterprise zone, subject to the Governor's approval. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2233, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR218-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-EDUCATION PROGRAM. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience and the Department of Health to continue their implementation of the Hawaii Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, HED, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Andrew Takuya Garrett
Chair

