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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 16, 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

Testimony submitted for the cancelled hearing on March 13 should be re-submitted for this hearing in order to be considered.

SB 3229, SD1 (SSCR2831) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the use of the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund to conduct donor evaluations. Requires the related report to the Legislature to include any donor evaluations conducted using moneys from the fund. (SD1)	HED, FIN
SB 2802, SD1 (SSCR2765) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to establish bachelor's degree programs in education and in agricultural science at Leeward Community College; to fund two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions; and for supplies and equipment to support the programs. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HED, FIN



<u>SB 2969, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2865)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE MAUI WILDFIRE EXPOSURE STUDY AND MAUI HEALTH REGISTRY. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawai'i to expand and sustain services provided by the Maui Wildfire Exposure Study and Maui Health Registry. (SD1)	HED, FIN
<u>SB 3238, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2757)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS. Establishes a Language Access Education and Workforce Development Program at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	HED, FIN
<u>SB 3286, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2745)</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. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HED, FIN
<u>SB 2657, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2836)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS RESEARCH. Establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center of Hawaii within the University of Hawaii. Requires the Research Center to be administratively affiliated with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. Requires JABSOM, the Research Center, University of Hawaii Center on Aging, and University of Hawaii at Manoa to identify opportunities to capitalize on collaboration between the parties and maximize operational efficiencies. Requires the Research Center to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	HED, HLT, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Andrew Takuya Garrett
Chair

