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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Lisa Marten, Chair
Rep. Ikaika Olds, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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AMENDED AGENDA

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB1699**

HB 1518 Status

RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

HSH, PBS, FIN

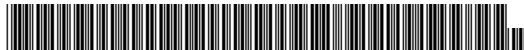
By 1/1/2028, requires the Department of Human Services, upon obtaining a federal waiver, to establish a pre-release Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application process for inmates nearing release. Allows all individuals convicted of an offense involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance to apply for SNAP benefits, regardless of treatment status.

HB 1699
Status

RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY.

~~HSH, AGR, FIN~~

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program under the Department of Human Services to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028.



HB 1747 Status	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Requires the Department of Human Services to request and implement waivers or waiver extensions from the federal government to make sugary drinks and candy ineligible foods for purchase with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Requires annual reports to the legislature on waiver status, ineligible foods, and implementation impacts.	HSH, FIN
HB 1705 Status	RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY. Allows licensed mental health counselors to be appointed as child custody evaluators.	HSH, JHA
HB 1565 Status	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.	HSH, JHA, FIN
HB 1801 Status	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to contract with one or more organizations specializing in domestic violence to provide training and on-site staff in Child Welfare Services Branch offices to support all aspects of screening for and addressing domestic violence within a case.	HSH, FIN
HB 1645 Status	RELATING TO LIABILITY. Provides certain liability protections for foster care agencies that are under contract with the State to provide foster care services to children in foster care. Requires contracts between foster care agencies and the State to include a state indemnification clause and requires foster care agencies to name the State as an additional insured. Prohibits punitive damages and pre- and post-judgment interest for foster care agencies. Requires actions against foster care agencies to be tried by the court, except in certain circumstances. Removes joint and several liability for foster care agencies. Specifies that no bond shall be required from a foster care agency on appeal.	HSH, JHA
HB 2115 Status	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to issue supplemental contracts to community-based organizations to address increases in costs related to labor, insurance, utilities, rent, and gas.	HSH, FIN
HB 2114 Status	RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. Establishes the Hawaii Benefits Hub within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Appropriates funds.	HSH, ECD, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Lisa Marten
Chair

