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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2116, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR183-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO GRANTS.

Appropriates funds to the Office of Community Services (OCS) to award grants to certain nonprofit organizations. Establishes an evaluation and selection committee to oversee the awarding of grants. Requires an applicant for a grant to provide certain documentation on activities that qualify for community engagement hours to qualify for the grant. Appropriates funds for positions in OCS and for the Department of the Attorney General to assist OCS in reviewing contracts and monitoring costs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

LAB, HSH, FIN



<u>HB 1879, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR128-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT. Establishes within the Department of Transportation a subsidized youth transit program, to be coordinated with the counties. Authorizes the Department to adopt rules, expand eligibility, and consult with the Department of Education on best practices, under certain conditions. Establishes the subsidized youth transit program special fund. Requires biannual evaluations of the new program and special fund. Allocates funds from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to the subsidized youth transit program special fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the subsidized youth transit program special fund. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TRN, HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2214</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Establishes a refundable diaper income tax credit.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2310</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Provides an emergency appropriation to the Department of Human Services to replace general fund appropriations redirected to provide emergency food assistance during the 2025 federal government shutdown.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2168, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR77-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. (HD1)	EDN, HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2427, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR72-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, HSH, FIN
<u>HB 2560, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR69-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. (HD1)	EDN, HSH, FIN



[HB 1596, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR123-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
Establishes a Basic Needs Pilot Program at a single campus of the University of Hawaii system. Authorizes the establishment of a Housing Stability Pilot Project at that campus. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. Sunsets 6/30/2028. (HD1)

HED, HSH, FIN

[HB 2197](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY.
Specifies a process by which property owners may utilize law enforcement officers to remove unauthorized individuals from dwellings. Establishes the criminal offenses of squatting and fraudulent sale or lease of residential real property. Classifies the type of property damage typically inflicted by squatters as a form of criminal property damage in the second degree. Classifies the falsification of documentation typically performed by squatters as a form of unsworn falsification to authorities.

HSH, JHA

[HB 2498, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR198-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CARE HOMES.
Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to establish a Central Oahu Care Home Community Resilience Pilot Program to assist eligible care home facilities to implement structural and operational resilience improvements. Requires a report to the Legislature. Repeals on June 30, 2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

PBS, HSH, FIN

DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **2/12/2026 at 10:30 AM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 2167](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.
Requires the Office of Youth Services to establish a two-year Youth Housing Stability Assistance Pilot Program to award funds to certain nonprofit organizations and government agencies to support eligible youth with financial assistance. Appropriates funds.

HSH, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Lisa Marten
Chair

