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COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Chair
Senator Rachele Lamosao, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
TIME: 1:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<u>SB 2260</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Provides that an individual who becomes a lessee of a tract of Hawaiian home lands, either as an original lessee or as a successor lessee, shall forfeit any interest as an original lessee or successor lessee in any other tract of Hawaiian home lands and be removed from any applicant waitlist.	HWN, JDC
<u>SB 2702</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Establishes a limited right of first refusal for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with respect to county real property tax sales. Requires advance notice from the counties to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of qualifying properties. Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, to authorize the conveyance of certain tax-delinquent properties.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 2785</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands projects eligible for general fund revenues that are generated by increases in transient accommodations tax collections and intended to be expended equally across projects related to natural resources, climate resilience, and destination management.	HWN, WAM
<u>SB 2790</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for contracted services for the assessment and inventory of the Molokai Irrigation System.	HWN, WAM

[**SB 2314**](#)

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RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.

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Requires that the Hawaiian version of a law be held binding if the law in question was originally drafted in Hawaiian, or if the law was originally drafted in English and if the law was subsequently amended, codified, recodified, or reenacted in Hawaiian, and meets certain criteria.

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Senator Herbert M. Richards, III
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