

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

[COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS](#)
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Chair
Senator Rachele Lamosao, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

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| HB 2309, HD1
(HSCR1010-26)
Status & Testimony | RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920.
Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, to include sibling's children as qualifying relatives of lessees for the purposes of lease transfer and lease successorship, in the same manner currently allowed for spouses, children, grandchildren, and siblings. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1) | HWN, JDC |
| HB 2582, HD2
(HSCR1193-26)
Status & Testimony | RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.
Amends the membership and responsibilities of the Public Land Trust Working Group established under Act 226, SLH 2022. Requires the Working Group to submit four reports to the Legislature: by 8/1/2027, a first interim report regarding Act 178, SLH 2006, financial reporting and accounting; by 12/1/2027, a second interim report regarding the public land trust inventory; by 6/1/2028, a third interim report that includes a preliminary draft of findings and recommendations regarding Act 178 financial reporting and accounting and the public land trust inventory; and by 10/1/2028, a final report that includes proposed legislation. Authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide administrative support to the Working Group in coordination with a third-party consultant. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2) | HWN, WAM |

[HB 2584, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR871-26\)](#)
[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST.
Temporarily increases the total amount of public land trust revenues transferred to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, while reaffirming the State's obligation to the twenty per cent pro rata share pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. Repeals 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Herbert M. Richards, III
Chair