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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2246 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES. Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements.	JDC
SB 2250 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Amends the offense of promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, public parks, or public housing projects or complexes to include homeless facilities.	JDC
SB 2325 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO JUVENILE OFFENDERS. Authorizes courts to modify sentences imposed on juvenile offenders if certain conditions are met and the court finds that the defendant is not a danger to the safety of any person or the community and the modification is in the interests of justice after considering certain factors. Establishes procedures, provides for hearings and representation by counsel, and authorizes appellate review.	JDC
SB 2418 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Repeals the law prohibiting drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.	JDC

<u>SB 2447</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Provides that the period of limitations for criminal prosecutions under campaign finance laws commences upon discovery of the offense by the Campaign Spending Commission, rather than being limited to five years from the violation date or report filing date.	JDC
<u>SB 2454</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Requires a candidate or any individual authorized to receive contributions on behalf of a candidate or noncandidate committee to deposit the monetary contribution or other campaign funds into a depository institution within seven days of its receipt. Requires any elected official, candidate, candidate committee, or other individual required to file an organizational report who receives a contribution from a lobbyist to deposit the contribution within seven days of its receipt.	JDC
<u>SB 2466</u>	RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER. Specifies that the Chief Election office who passes the standard state probationary period may only be terminated for cause.	JDC
<u>SB 2480</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Allows voters in a primary or special primary election to vote for any candidate for any office without regard to the voter or candidate's political party preference. Advances the top two candidates in a primary or special primary election, regardless of political party, to the general election.	JDC
<u>SB 2499</u>	RELATING TO VACANCIES. Amends the processes for addressing party candidate and state senator vacancies.	JDC
<u>SB 2565</u>	RELATING TO CERTIORARI REVIEW BY THE HAWAII SUPREME COURT. Establishes a fixed disposition deadline requiring the Supreme Court to decide an application for certiorari within 60 days after the application is filed. Applies prospectively to cases in which the judgment or dismissal order of the Intermediate Court of Appeals was filed on or after the effective date of this Act.	JDC
<u>SB 2566</u>	RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE ORDERS FOR PROTECTION. Removes the requirement that requests to withhold from public inspection the petition record of a denied temporary restraining order or denied protective order be made orally.	JDC
<u>SB 2568</u>	RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANTS. Elevates the offense of harassment to a misdemeanor when committed against certain public servants in connection with their performance of a governmental function.	JDC
<u>SB 2661</u>	RELATING TO NEPOTISM. Repeals language in the State's Code of Ethics that exempts the legislative and judicial branches from prohibitions against nepotism in public employment.	JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair