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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1552](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER.  
Provides that, in the event of a vacancy in the position of Chief Election Officer, the Attorney General shall serve as the Interim Chief Election Officer until the Elections Commission appoints a new Chief Election Officer.

JHA

[HB 2125](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.  
Provides that any corporation operating under state law shall hold all the corporate powers it previously held; provided that nothing in state law shall be construed to grant or recognize any corporate power to engage in election activity.

JHA



[HB 2493](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

JHA, PBS, FIN

Establishes the procedure that a court of the State shall follow upon the reversal or vacation of an individual's judgment or conviction on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the State to pay advance compensation to any petitioner who was convicted in a court of the State, imprisoned for at least one year, and whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence. Requires the Comptroller to issue a warrant for payment of advance compensation to a petitioner. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assign a case manager to a petitioner upon the petitioner's release. Requires the State to provide medical coverage to a person for a certain duration upon the reversal or vacation of a person's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence and where the chargers were dismissed. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Clarifies that a person whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or who was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the chargers were dismissed, may petition for compensation. Requires the State to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the reversal or vacating of the order of conviction for a petitioner, or the pardoning of the petitioner, was inconsistent with innocence.

[HB 1522](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION.

JHA

Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to one year.

[HB 1667](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

JHA

Lowers the age to obtain a state civil identification card without a signature from a parent or guardian from eighteen years old to sixteen years old.

[HB 2448](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

JHA

Establishes the offense of prohibited acts of female genital mutilation of a minor and civil remedies for victims of that offense.

[HB 1681](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PRIVACY.

JHA

Establishes the offense of nonconsensual distribution of an intimate image.

[HB 1682](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES.

JHA

Enacts the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act.

[HB 1736](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL.

AGR, JHA, FIN

Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation, including the free-roaming cat population, and authorizes an income tax designation to provide revenues into the special fund. Requires cats over the age of five months to be surgically sterilized and prohibits cats that are not surgically sterilized from being brought into the State, with certain exceptions. Appropriates funds.



[HB 1590](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO VACATION RENTALS.

TOU, JHA, FIN

Requires banks and lenders with a lien upon an illegal short-term rental to foreclose if the lien is not settled within five years. Allows counties to use time-stamped screenshots as evidence for the enforcement of short-term vacation rentals. Requires short-term vacation rental brokers to provide certain data to the Department of Taxation on or before 3/31 following the close of the calendar year. Authorizes the Department of Taxation to issue fines. Includes short-term vacation rental enforcement in the Hawaii Tourism Authority's plans, practices, and efforts involving destination management. Clarifies that the counties may use revenue from the County Transient Accommodations Tax for the enforcement of short-term vacation rentals. Appropriates funds.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Chair

