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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 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 2046](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I COMMISSION.
Establishes and appropriates funds for the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Commission to coordinate and promote initiatives that support the use of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

JHA, FIN

[HB 2438, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR37-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII CULTURAL TRUST.
Establishes the Hawaii Cultural Trust within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Establishes an income tax credit for contributions made to the Hawaii Cultural Trust and qualified Hawaii cultural organizations, under certain conditions. Establishes a special number plate for motor vehicles to support the Hawaii Cultural Trust. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025. (HD1)

CAA, JHA, FIN



<u>HB 2584</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2433</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. 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.	JHA
<u>HB 1982, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR30-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for certain geothermal resource exploration and development activities and the hiring of consultants. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2223, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR99-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS. Permits the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to conduct a review of the effect of a proposed project on lands under its jurisdiction on historical properties and burial sites, subject to certain requirements. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2308</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED. Increases the limit of the State's liability for moneys borrowed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or loans made to lessees that are guaranteed by the Department from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2309</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920. Amends sections 208 and 209(a) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, to include nieces and nephews who are at least one-quarter Native Hawaiian as qualifying relatives of lessees for the purposes of lease transfer and lease successorship.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2400</u> <u>Status</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.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB 2250</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. Makes appropriations and approves payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.	JHA, FIN



[HB 2254](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED PAYMENTS.

JHA, FIN

Requires the Judiciary to contract with a collection agency or licensed attorney to collect delinquent court-ordered fees, fines, sanctions, and court costs. Allows courts to specify a period of time or installments for payment of fines, fees, and restitution, and requires the defendant to show cause if the defendant defaults on the payments.

[HB 2256](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT.

JHA, FIN

Updates tobacco enforcement laws to confirm the authority of the Department of Taxation and the Department of the Attorney General to inspect and seize tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices and e-liquids, and clarify that untaxed tobacco products are subject to forfeiture as contraband, without regard to the procedures set forth in chapter 712A, HRS, in the same manner as untaxed cigarettes.

[HB 2289](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE CEILING ON THE
AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION
SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND.

JHA, FIN

Removes the \$600,000 annual expenditure ceiling on the Automated Victim Information and Notification System Special Fund to address rising program costs and growing victim service demands.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair

