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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 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

[SB 2055, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2826\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS.  
Requires the Civil Rights Commission to establish a twenty-four hour intake helpline for individuals to submit reports of harms from federal deployments in the State. Requires the Civil Rights Commission to compile an annual report and hold an annual public hearing on data obtained through the helpline. Requires the Civil Rights Commission to compile and submit to the Legislature, and post on its website, a monthly preliminary report on data obtained through the helpline. Appropriates funds to establish an unspecified number of Civil Rights Investigator, Data Analyst, and Program Manager positions within the Civil Rights Commission. Appropriates funds for the Civil Rights Commission to contract with Aloha United Way to implement the twenty-four hour intake helpline and for website and data development costs. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)

JHA, FIN



<a href="#">SB 2152, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2710)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.</p> <p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 2247, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2874)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.</p> <p>Prohibits any Executive Branch employee who is nominated or appointed by the Governor to a compensated position subject to confirmation by the Senate from engaging in certain campaign fundraising activities. (SD1)</p>	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2442, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2699)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BY THE JUDICIARY.</p> <p>Beginning 1/1/2027, requires contracts for services awarded to community-based organizations by the Judiciary in support of fulfilling its statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities in the State to include certain protections against inflation. Appropriates funds to the Judiciary to increase the contract price in existing contracts for certain services provided by community-based organizations in support of fulfilling its statutory mandate to individuals, families, and communities in the State. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 2499</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2802)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO VACANCIES.</p> <p>Amends the processes for addressing party candidate and state senator vacancies.</p>	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2143, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2806)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER.</p> <p>Establishes an order of succession for an Interim Chief Election Officer in the event of a vacancy in the position of Chief Election Officer until the Elections Commission appoints a new Chief Election Officer. (SD1)</p>	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2532</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2824)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION'S ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM.</p> <p>Amends various sections of Hawaii's campaign spending laws by requiring designated campaign finance forms to be submitted electronically through the Campaign Spending Commission's upgraded electronic filing system.</p>	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 3076, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2728)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT.</p> <p>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. Clarifies 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. (SD1)</p>	JHA, FIN



<a href="#">SB 2727</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2805)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION. Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to one year.	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2145</a> <a href="#">(SSCR3082)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. Establishes the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Establishes a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities.	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2312, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2995)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. Amends the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) to require the contracted party of each contract to perform an agency function to retain records following the retention schedule of the agency and to provide the agency access to the records upon request. Establishes that all records retained by an agency function contractor shall be deemed government records for the purposes of the UIPA. Exempts contracts entered into by the Employees' Retirement System. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 2721, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2812)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Implements recommendations pursuant to Act 245, SLH 2024, to amend the Hawaii Penal Code. (SD1)	JHA, FIN
<a href="#">SB 3225</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2891)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS. Amends or repeals various provisions of the HRS or the SLH for the purposes of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, or deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.	JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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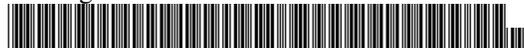
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The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Chair

