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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 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 2530, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR2998\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.  
Prohibits state or county contractor's compensated officers and any officer's immediate family, with contracts exceeding the small purchase threshold pursuant to section 103D-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from contributing to candidate or noncandidate committees, candidates, or any person for any political purpose for the duration of the contract. Prohibits grantees, grantees' compensated officers and grantees' officer's immediate family, with grants of more than \$100,000, from contributing to candidate or noncandidate committees, candidates, or any person for any political purpose for the duration of the grant. Requires any unlawful contribution to be returned to the contributor or it will escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund. Requires the disclosure of names of any compensated officers and immediate family members of a state or county contractor or grantee for contracts or grants exceeding a certain amount. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to make available to candidate and noncandidate committees the disclosed names in a password-protected database. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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<a href="#">SB 2970, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2991)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.</p> <p>Prohibits a state agency from entering into any contract to procure or dispose of goods or services, or for construction, with any business that is owned or operated, or in which a controlling interest is held, by a relative or household member of a director or deputy director of a principal state department. Requires directors, acting directors, and deputy directors of a principal state department to be responsible for ensuring that all contracts entered into by the department comply with a provision in the State's Code of Ethics governing conduct relating to contracts. Requires any violation to be assessed against the director, acting director, or deputy director of the department at the time the violation occurred. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)</p>	<p>JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2919, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2704)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Office of the Public Defender for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Deputy Public Defender III position. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2446, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2703)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.</p> <p>Increases the number of associate judges on the Intermediate Court of Appeals from six to seven. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2730, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR3080)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.</p> <p>Establishes factors under which officers may arrest and detain persons without a warrant for petty misdemeanors and violations, and requires officers to document the justification for the arrests. Amends the circumstances under which officers may issue citations in lieu of arrest. Requires officers to issue citations in lieu of arrest for certain petty misdemeanors and violations. Requires the Judiciary to promulgate a standardized citation form and updates the required information for citations. Requires citations be visible on an offender's criminal record. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>JHA</p>
<a href="#">SB 2315, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2711)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT THE STANDARD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IS A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES TALLIED UPON THE QUESTION.</p> <p>Proposes to amend article XVII, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution regarding the standard for ratification of a constitutional amendment proposed by the Legislature, to provide that proposed amendments shall be effective only if approved at a general election by a majority of all the votes tallied upon the question. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2723, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR764-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY.</p> <p>Establishes April 27 of each year as State Sheriffs Day to commemorate the establishment of the Office of the Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1846. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>CAA, JHA</p>
<a href="#">SB 2135, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR3096)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO PRIVACY.</p> <p>Establishes the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of an intimate image. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)</p>	<p>JHA</p>



<a href="#">SB 2448, SD2 (SSCR3054) Status</a>	RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES. Enacts the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act (Modified). Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)	JHA
<a href="#">SB 2494 (SSCR2801) Status</a>	RELATING TO CORRUPTION. Establishes a statute of limitations of nine years for a bribery offense.	JHA
<a href="#">SB 3073, SD1 (SSCR2889) Status</a>	RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE. Specifies the types of cases in which evidence must be retained post-conviction and the process by which evidence may be disposed of earlier than the standard period of retention, which includes a procedure for defendants to oppose the disposal of biological evidence by filing an objection with the court. Provides that upon the motion of a defendant or prosecutor or on the court's own motion, the court may order retention of biological evidence in any felon case for a certain period under certain circumstances. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	JHA

### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Chair

