

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair  
Senator Rachele Lamosao, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 2993](#)

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RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Human Resources Development to offer fully subsidized public transit passes for state employees.

LBT, WAM

[SB 2778](#)

[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ETHICS.

Requires a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature, department heads and their deputies, and any spouse or dependent child of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature, or department head and their deputies to place certain financial interests in a blind trust. Prohibits a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature, department head and their deputies, and any spouse or dependent child of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature, or department head and their deputies from acquiring certain financial interests during their term of service.

LBT, JDC/WAM

[SB 2672](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RETIRANTS.

Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.

LBT, WAM

**SB 2014**

**Status &  
Testimony**

**RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.**

LBT, WAM

Requires the Director of Human Resources Development to abolish vacant positions within state departments and agencies under its jurisdiction that have been vacant for more than 5 years. Requires a list of positions abolished to be included in the Director's annual report to the Legislature. Requires funds for abolished positions to immediately lapse to the credit of the general fund.

**SB 2967**

**Status &  
Testimony**

**RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

LBT, CPN

Establishes consumer protection requirements for the use of artificial intelligence systems in consumer interactions and consequential decisions, including disclosures, documentation, and a right to correction, appeal, and human review. Makes certain violations an unfair or deceptive act or practice. Requires risk management and impact assessments for high-risk artificial intelligence systems. Requires incident reports to the Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection and the Attorney General.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **1 minutes** each.

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Chair