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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 411
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1913](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
Establishes within the Office of Veterans' Services a mental health coordinator position at the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. Provides that the mental health coordinator is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services. Appropriates moneys.

PBS, HLT, FIN

[HB 9](#)
[Status](#)

DESIGNATING HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE.
Designates Hawaii as a Purple Heart State.

PBS, CAA

[HB 1628](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE RELEASE.
Establishes a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons.

PBS, JHA



[HB 1517](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SENTENCING REVIEW.

PBS, JHA

Establishes a procedure for incarcerated individuals who have served at least ten years of their sentence to petition the court for a sentence reduction. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report to the Legislature Hawaii Paroling Authority, and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

[HB 2044](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY.

PBS, FIN

Expands programming and training for the comprehensive offender reentry program under the department of corrections and rehabilitation to reduce the rate of recidivism and increase inmate marketability. Appropriates funds.

[HB 1769](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

PBS, JHA

Requires the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation to incrementally reduce the number of individuals incarcerated in private, out-of-state correctional institutions. Requires reports to the Legislature.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

