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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
TIME: 8:40 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 411
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2288](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PAROLE ELIGIBILITY.
Amends section 353-64, HRS, to include participation in correctional programs for parole eligibility: (1) treatment (substance abuse, mental health, sex offender); (2) work furlough as part of vocational education; and (3) other programs designed to assist the committed person with successful reintegration back into the community; all of which are in the scope of programs determined by Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Receiving and Diagnostic (RAD) assessments and recommended for parole eligibility.

PBS, JHA



HB 2356 Status	RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a certificate of suitability for employment to offenders who have satisfied all sentencing and post-release requirements. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to work with government and private stakeholders to conduct public education regarding the certificates. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to work with the Department of Defense to increase offenders' eligibility for security clearance in post-release employment. Appropriates funds.	PBS, LAB, FIN
HB 2287 Status	RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING. Includes correctional workers as protected participants in peer support counseling sessions, giving them the same confidentiality protections provided to law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel.	PBS, JHA
HB 2457 Status	RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. Establishes the Community Resilience Hubs Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii. Requires a report. Appropriates funds.	PBS, HED, FIN
HB 1976, HD1 (HSCR48-26) Status	RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, fire chiefs, Law Enforcement Standards Board, and Department of Health to provide or require the provision of at least one hour of dementia-specific training for first responders, including law enforcement officers, fire first responders, and emergency medical services personnel. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to take certain steps when reviewing and recommending dementia-specific training curricula. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, PBS, FIN
HB 2236 Status	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies State and local authority during a state or local state of emergency. Adds definition of "severe weather warning". Allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency and city councils to terminate a local state of emergency.	PBS, JHA
HB 2480 Status	RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE. Protects emergency responders from liability during periods of evacuation. Provides that individuals who willfully fail to comply with the evacuation assume the risk and waive liability.	PBS, JHA
HB 2292 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Authorizes the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to convert temporary special project positions created for Federal Emergency Management Agency funded disaster recovery operations into permanent positions exempt from civil service, subject to certain limitations.	PBS, LAB, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

