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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 10:00 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 1997, HD1 (HSCR205-26) Status	RELATING TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. Authorizes the inclusion of language addressing individualized accommodations and supports during emergency situations and evacuations in individualized education programs for students with disabilities. Requires support and guidance from the Department of Education. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, PBS, JHA
HB 2343, HD1 (HSCR158-26) Status	RELATING TO VETERANS. Repeals the specific deadline by which the Maui State Veterans Home must be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation. Requires the transfer of the Maui State Veterans Home to be completed as soon as practicable. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, PBS, FIN
HB 2566, HD1 (HSCR39-26) Status	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES. Authorizes the issuance of special number plates for members of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CAA, PBS, FIN



[HB 2493, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR235-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

JHA, PBS, FIN

Establishes the procedure that a trial court shall follow upon the reversal or vacation of an individual's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the charges were dismissed. Requires the State to pay advance compensation to any petitioner who was convicted in a court of the State, imprisoned for at least one year, and whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence. Requires the Comptroller to issue a warrant for payment of advance compensation to a petitioner. Requires the Adult Client Services Division or a contracted community-based agency to assign a case manager to a petitioner upon the petitioner's release. Requires the State to provide medical coverage to a person for a certain duration upon the reversal or vacation of the person's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence and where the charges were dismissed. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Clarifies eligibility to seek compensation for individuals whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or who were pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the charges were dismissed. Shifts the burden of proof to the State to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the reversal or vacating of the judgment of conviction for a petitioner, or the pardoning of the petitioner, was inconsistent with innocence. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

