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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 411
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 2109, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR2944\)](#)
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RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COMMUNICATIONS.

PBS, FIN

Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop and implement a statewide public education and communications program to promote household emergency preparedness consistent with the Agency's 14-day essential supplies recommendation. Requires the Governor or mayor of a county to provide an American Sign Language interpreter during each official announcement broadcast via television or the Internet during a state of emergency. Requires the Governor or mayor of a county to ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that the American Sign Language interpreter's face, body, arms, and hands are visible during the broadcast. Requires the Governor or mayor of a county to provide a standardized pool feed that includes the American Sign Language interpreter in a picture-in-picture window not less than one quarter the size of the primary video and not blocked or covered by captions, graphics, or other on-screen text. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)



[SB 2151, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR3099\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
Clarifies state and local authority during a state or local state of emergency. Defines "severe weather warning". Allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency and county councils to terminate a local state of emergency. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

PBS, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair

