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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

[SB 3192](#)

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RELATING TO EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE LICENSURE
WAIVERS.

PSM, CPN/JDC

Authorizes the waiver of certain healthcare worker licensure requirements during emergencies. Requires an annual report to the legislature.

[SB 2121](#)

[Status &](#)
[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PSM, WAM

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 a news media outlet to display the American Sign Language interpreter in a picture-in-picture window during broadcasts of official emergency announcements.

[SB 3239](#)

[Status &](#)
[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS.

PSM, WAM

Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to increase access to bilingual resources and services for residents with limited English proficiency.

[SB 2645, SD1](#)

[Proposed SD2](#)
[\(SSCR2232\)](#)
[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION.

Establishes the State Fire Code as the minimum statewide standard for fire safety. Prohibits the counties from adopting, amending, or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or code provision that is less restrictive than the State Fire Code. Establishes the State Fire and Life Safety Special Fund. Limits the frequency of fire and safety inspections at state facilities by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to once every three years. Changes the method of appointment of the State Fire Marshal from selection by the State Fire Marshal Selection Commission to appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Amends Act 302, SLH 2025, by replacing two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for fire inspectors and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions for fire investigators with four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for assistant fire marshals. (Proposed SD2)

PSM, WAM
[Measure added on 02-12-26]

Copies of the proposed SD2 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Carol Fukunaga
Chair