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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026  
TIME: 9:00AM  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 411  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1739, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR111-26\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.  
Requires the development of transit-supportive densities to be allowed in any county-designated transit-oriented development area. Prohibits the counties from enacting an ordinance, rule, regulation, development standard, zoning provision, or other land use control that restricts the development of transit-supportive densities. Effective 7/1/3000.  
(HD1)

HSG, WAL, JHA



<a href="#">HB 1741, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR112-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Deems a county inclusionary mandate as a form of development exaction and treats the mandate as a housing affordability impact fee, with certain exemptions. Prohibits a county from adopting, amending, or enforcing an inclusionary mandate or inclusionary mandates for residential or mixed-use development, under certain circumstances. Establishes additional requirements for a needs assessment study for a county-imposed inclusionary mandate. Establishes a criterion that allows luxury residential projects or projects that receive certain discretionary value increases to be subject to inclusionary mandates. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, JHA
<a href="#">HB 2606, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR137-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION. Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Establishes a working group within the State Building Code Council to develop proposals for an off-site construction program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2362, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR138-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires the counties to automatically approve permits for hurricane retrofitting under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, JHA
<a href="#">HB 2608, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR84-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO WATER HEATING SYSTEMS. Authorizes building permit variances for certain high-efficiency electric water heating systems utilizing heat pump technology. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2294, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR203-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER. Amends Act 307, SLH 2022, to revise tax map key numbers and the conveyance process by which identified properties are to be conveyed to the Department of Education. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, WAL, FIN
<a href="#">HB 2431</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. Requires a seller of real property adjacent to the shoreline, and the seller's agent, to disclose and include in all advertisements certain shoreline erosion issues related to the parcel.	WAL, CPC
<a href="#">HB 2375, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR89-26)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TOWING PRACTICES. Establishes a Uniform Towing Practices for Public Parking Facilities Working Group within the Department of Transportation to examine existing state and county laws, ordinances, rules, and administrative practices relating to towing from public parking facilities and develop recommendations for uniform standards applicable to towing from state and county parking facilities. Requires a report to the Legislature. (HD1)	TRN, WAL, JHA



[HB 2582](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

WAL, JHA

Amends the membership and responsibilities of the Public Land Trust Working Group established under Act 226, SLH 2022. Requires the Working Group to submit four reports to the Legislature: by 8/1/2027, a first interim report regarding Act 178, SLH 2006, financial reporting and accounting; by 12/1/2027, a second interim report regarding the public land trust inventory; by 6/1/2028, a third interim report that includes a preliminary draft of findings and recommendations regarding Act 178 financial reporting and accounting and the public land trust inventory; and by 10/1/2028, a final report that includes proposed legislation. Authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide administrative support to the Working Group in coordination with a third-party consultant.

[HB 2585, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR61-26\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.

TOU/AGR, WAL,  
JHA

Establishes statewide, uniform standards to promote agricultural tourism activities in the State for all counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires agricultural tourism activities to be registered by the county planning department. Requires agricultural tourism activities to coexist with an agricultural activity on a farming operation and to be accessory and secondary to the principal farming operation. Establishes a process for the termination of an authorization for agricultural tourism activities upon a determination that the agricultural activity has ceased. Requires report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 2231](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.

WAL, JHA

Transfers the appointment authority for Island Burial Council members from the Governor and Senate to the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 10, 2026**. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 2424](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WAL, JHA

Between 7/1/2026 and 12/31/2028, authorizes each county planning commission to petition the Land Use Commission for a district boundary amendment to reclassify certain lands within the agricultural district to the rural district through the declaratory ruling process.

[HB 1956](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FRESHWATER WATERWAYS.

WAL, JHA

Prohibits residing in, on, or within fifty feet of a freshwater waterway. Authorizes state and local law enforcement agencies, including county police, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program, and the Department of Law Enforcement, to enforce the prohibition.

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.



Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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**FOR AMENDED NOTICES:** Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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Rep. Mark J. Hashem  
Chair

