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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Tuesday, March 17, 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

[SB 2799, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2842\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.  
Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Health, to submit to the Legislature a report on the plan for the transfer of powers and duties of Kalaupapa Settlement prior to the Regular Session of 2027. (SD1)

WAL, JHA, FIN

[SB 3247, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2729\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.  
Establishes a Royal Mausoleum Working Group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement policy for the preservation, operation, and outreach of Mauna ?Ala. Allows the Royal Mausoleum Working Group to make rules as necessary, employ staff, and receive private or federal funds. Requires the Royal Mausoleum Working Group to submit a brief report and a final comprehensive report to the Legislature. Requires the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to support the Royal Mausoleum Working Group. Effective 9/9/2129. (SD1)

WAL, JHA, FIN



[SB 2001, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2961\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.  
Establishes the Waiakea Community Development District and the Waiakea Community Development District Special Fund. Specifies the powers and duties of the Hawaii Community Development Authority as it relates to the new development district. Allows the Authority to establish rules. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position within the Authority. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

WAL, FIN

[SB 2041, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2871\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY.  
Repeals the Land Court. Transfers functions of the Land Court to the Bureau of Conveyances. Establishes a working group to recommend the implementation of specific reforms to effectively eliminate the Land Court. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

WAL, JHA, FIN

[SB 2599, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR3002\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT.  
PART I: Redesignates the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Community Development District. Amends the composition of the Hawaii Community Development Authority for purposes of the Halawa Community Development District. Amends the duties and powers of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and Stadium Authority as they relate to activities within the Halawa Community Development District. Clarifies the Hawaii Community Development Authority's permitting and consultation powers regarding public projects within community development districts. Establishes the Halawa Community Development District Special Fund. Appropriates funds. PART II: Appropriates funds. Appropriates moneys from the Stadium Development Special Fund for the planning, design, and development of the Halawa Community Development District by the Hawaii Community Development Authority, contingent upon the Stadium Authority submitting proof it has retained a stadium construction expert and a finalized organizational plan, and the Hawaii Community Development Authority submitting a plan to utilize bond revenue from Act 252, SLH 2025. PART III: Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority, when planning and developing housing, to plan for complete communities that include various aspects supporting quality of life. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

WAL, HSG, FIN

[SB 3048, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2854\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.  
Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position for the State Building Code Council to support statewide building code coordination, permitting transparency, and modernization initiatives. Requires county reporting on building permitting performance. Requires the State Building Code Council to develop a plan for the creation of a standardized statewide permitting data system or public dashboard and a state building code modernization and transparency initiative. Requires the State Building Code Council to develop standardized credentials and training requirements for permitting officials. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

WAL, FIN



<a href="#">SB 2002, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR3065)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO WATER.</p> <p>Allows the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent counsel. Repeals the First Deputy to the Chairperson of CWRM. Establishes the Executive Director of the CWRM. Administratively attaches the CWRM to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Authorizes members of CWRM to be eligible to serve as chairperson. Requires the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of Health to serve as ex officio voting members who are ineligible to serve as chairperson. Adds one member to the nominating committee for CWRM, to be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Authorizes entities to whom an emergency order is directed to challenge the order under certain conditions. Clarifies the notification requirements of declarations of water shortages. Establishes fines. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2363</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2997)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.</p> <p>Authorizes the counties to close public lands when necessary to protect public health, ensure public safety, or preserve natural or cultural resources.</p>	<p>WAL, JHA</p>
<a href="#">SB 2673, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2855)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.</p> <p>Requires a statewide permitting data standard developed collaboratively by the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and the Chief Data Officer. Requires each county to publish monthly updates of building and civil engineering permit data in accordance with that standard. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/19/2042. (SD1)</p>	<p>WAL, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 2972, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR2976)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO OAHU CORAL REEF RESTORATION.</p> <p>Temporarily prohibits the taking by spearing of uhu or kala in state marine waters around the island of Oahu until the Division of Aquatic Resources' Holomua Marine Initiative process adopts applicable regulations. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets // . (SD1)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA</p>
<a href="#">SB 2372, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR3011)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO TREES.</p> <p>Establishes base selection criteria for exceptional trees. Establishes the significant tree designation, selection criteria, and related processes. Establishes the State Arborist Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes. Requires County Arborist Advisory Committees to have at least six members, adopt new exceptional tree selection criteria, and designate significant trees. Directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawaii to cooperate with State and County Arborist Advisory Committees to carry out the Exceptional Trees Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>WAL, JHA</p>
<a href="#">HCR 14</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIALAE, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR EXISTING DRAINAGE PURPOSES, AND FOR USE, OPERATION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.</p>	<p>WAL, FIN</p>



## DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Mark J. Hashem  
Chair

