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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

GM 788 Status & Testimony	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAREN KNUDSEN, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.	WLA
GM 789 Status & Testimony	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, WESLEY FONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.	WLA
GM 769 Status & Testimony	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK BRANCO, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.	WLA
GM 770 Status & Testimony	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Gubernatorial Nominee, C. MAKANANI SALA, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.	WLA
GM 767 Status & Testimony	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MYLES MIYASATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.	WLA

<u>GM 766</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELVIN KAHELE, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.	WLA
<u>GM 740</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE NOE NOE WONG-WILSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.	WLA
<u>GM 741</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD MATSUDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.	WLA
<u>GM 739</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL HORNER, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.	WLA

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Chris Lee
Chair