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COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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Committee Abbreviations:

AGR - Agriculture & Food Systems	HSG - Housing
CAA - Culture & Arts	HSH - Human Services & Homelessness
CPC - Consumer Protection & Commerce	JHA - Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
ECD - Economic Development & Technology	LAB - Labor
EDN - Education	LMG - Legislative Management
EEP - Energy & Environmental Protection	PBS - Public Safety
FIN - Finance	TOU - Tourism
HED - Higher Education	TRN - Transportation
HLT - Health	WAL - Water & Land

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
<u>HB1504</u>	RELATING TO ANTITRUST. Short form bill relating to antitrust.	CPC
<u>HB1505</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Short form bill relating to consumer protection.	CPC
<u>HB1506</u>	RELATING TO NONPROFITS. Short form bill relating to nonprofits.	CPC
<u>HB1507</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Short form bill relating to consumer protection.	CPC
<u>HB1508</u>	RELATING TO COMMERCE. Short form bill relating to commerce.	CPC

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[HB1509](#)

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Requires an employer to file a response, either accepting or objecting to a treatment plan, within seven days of receipt. Imposes a monetary penalty if an employer does not file a response within the seven-day period. Clarifies that a treatment plan is deemed accepted if an employer fails to file certain documents within the seven-day period.

LAB, CPC

[HB1510](#)

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

TRN, JHA

Conditions the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle not being equipped with any cover or shield installed over the license plate. Amends the penalty for obstruction of a license plate. Allows state or county parking enforcement officers to issue citations for vehicles with a cover or shield obstructing the license plate. Repeals the requirement that a cover or shield be intended to alter or interfere with the visibility, legibility, or identification of a license plate by law enforcement or traffic enforcement systems.

[HB1511](#)

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

CPC, JHA

Prohibits certain entities from distributing unsolicited mail or electronic mail that is reasonably likely to cause a consumer to believe that a vehicle manufacturer, dealer, mortgage loan originator, mortgage servicer, or insurance company is asking the consumer to send money to extend a vehicle warranty or home warranty, unless certain disclosures are met. Makes contracts that fail to meet disclosure requirements voidable at the option of the consumer.

[HB1512](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

HLT, CPC/JHA,
FIN

Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the sale of flavored nicotine products and nicotine product flavor enhancers and the mislabeling of e-liquids as nicotine free. Establishes penalties for violations. Authorizes the Department of Health to appoint, commission, or contract for services of inspectors. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds.

[HB1513](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

CPC, FIN

Authorizes the issuance of reimbursable general obligation bonds to provide the necessary funds for the Condominium Loan Program. Appropriates funds from the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund to provide initial coverage of the bond payments.

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<u>HB1514</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Clarifies the process for selecting a certified provider of rehabilitation services. Requires providers to automatically approve vocational rehabilitation services for an injured employee if those services will likely be required for suitable gainful employment. Requires providers to file an employee's vocational plan no later than ninety days after submitting an initial evaluation report, with certain exceptions.	LAB, CPC
<u>HB1515</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Authorizes an attending physician to request a functional capacity examination and refer an injured employee for the examination without first obtaining permission from the employee's employer. Allows licensed occupational and physical therapists to be deemed qualified to perform functional capacity examinations.	LAB, CPC
<u>HB1516</u>	RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE. Requires certain factors to be considered when determining a defendant's financial ability to afford bail.	JHA
<u>HB1517</u>	RELATING TO SENTENCING REVIEW. Establishes a procedure for incarcerated individuals who have served at least ten years of their sentence to petition the court for a sentence reduction. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report to the Legislature Hawaii Paroling Authority, and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.	PBS, JHA
<u>HB1518</u>	RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. By 1/1/2028, requires the Department of Human Services, upon obtaining a federal waiver, to establish a pre-release Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application process for inmates nearing release. Allows all individuals convicted of an offense involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance to apply for SNAP benefits, regardless of treatment status.	HSH, PBS, FIN

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[HB1519](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Requires disclosure of the names of compensated officers, and their immediate family members, of state or county contractors and grantees with contracts or grants exceeding \$250,000. Prohibits the compensated officers of state or county contractors, and their immediate family members, from making or soliciting certain campaign contributions for the duration of the contract exceeding \$250,000. Prohibits state or county grantees, including compensated officers and their immediate family members, from making or soliciting certain contributions for the duration of the grant exceeding \$250,000. Requires unlawful contributions to be returned to the contributor or escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund.

JHA, FIN

[HB1520](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

JHA

Provides that the period of limitations for criminal prosecutions under campaign finance laws commences upon discovery of the offense by the Campaign Spending Commission, rather than being limited to five years from the violation date or report filing date.

[HB1521](#)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

JHA, FIN

Clarifies that records created, received, maintained, or used by private contractors performing government functions on behalf of public agencies shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act.

[HB1522](#)

RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION.

JHA

Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to one year.

[HB1523](#)

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

TRN, JHA

Removes references to countdown timers as it relates to pedestrian-control signals, including the requirement that pedestrians must begin crossing a roadway before a countdown timer begins.

[HB1524](#)

RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS.

TRN, JHA

Establishes that fines for pedestrian violations under chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not exceed \$25. Requires state and county agencies to revise applicable schedules of fines, rules, and procedures to comply with the monetary limit.

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[HB1525](#)

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Appropriates funds to: (1) the counties for more voter service centers for in-person voting; (2) the Office of Elections to print and mail the digital voter information guide to all registered voters; and (3) the Office of Elections to support a public outreach and engagement campaign to encourage greater voter participation.

JHA, FIN

[HB1526](#)

RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION.

LAB, EDN, JHA

Prohibits discrimination based on: (1) The perception that a person possesses certain characteristics; (2) The perception that a person is associated with a person who possesses, or is perceived to possess, certain characteristics; or (3) The intersection or combination of two or more specified characteristics in relation to a person.

[HB1527](#)

RELATING TO GAMBLING.

WAL, ECD/HED,
FIN

Prohibits any casino, gambling enterprise, or gambling facility from being located on state lands within or adjacent to the Aloha Stadium Development District project area or on any lands under the jurisdiction of the Stadium Authority. Prohibits athletic programs of the University of Hawaii from competing in venues that are operated by or physically integrated with a gambling enterprise while clarifying that standard naming-rights or advertising agreements do not constitute prohibited sponsorships.

[HB1528](#)

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

JHA, FIN

Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age.

[HB1529](#)

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

JHA

Reduces the quorum requirement for boards and commissions to a majority of current voting members of a board or commission. Reduces the number of affirmative votes needed to validate action of a board or commission to a majority of members voting at a meeting with quorum.

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<u>HB1530</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. Requires any person applying to the Department of Health to contract or extend or renew a contract to operate certain residential treatment programs to, as a condition of the contract, obtain and maintain a general liability insurance policy with a certain minimum coverage amount; submit to the Department for review and approval a community safety action plan; and provide to the community association or neighborhood board in the community in which the program will operate a written notice of the program's establishment and location and the community safety action plan.	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1531</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS. 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.	PBS, JHA
<u>HB1532</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Excludes from the offense of unlawful shipment of tobacco products the direct sale of large cigars and pipe tobacco to adult consumers for personal use. Effective 1/1/2027.	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1533</u>	RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE. Repeals the minimum wage and tip credit increases that are to occur on 1/1/2028.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB1534</u>	RELATING TO JURY DUTY. Allows actively practicing advanced practice registered nurses to claim exemption from service as a juror.	HLT, JHA
<u>HB1535</u>	RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of automated external defibrillator devices by certain places of public accommodation.	HLT, FIN

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<u>HB1536</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the cost of prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prostheses, and orthotic devices for policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed on or after 1/1/2027. Establishes an unspecified minimum yearly benefit for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices.	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1537</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to contract with community-based organizations to provide preventive and early intervention mental health services to adolescents within the community. Requires a report to the Legislature.	HLT/HSH, FIN
<u>HB1538</u>	RELATING TO HOSPITAL LICENSING. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to allow hospitals to demonstrate compliance with all licensing inspections required by the State through accreditation or certification by any accreditation or certification organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1539</u>	RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. Repeals certain prohibitions on the imposition of fees, conditions, or requirements on community retail pharmacies that are not imposed on mail order pharmacies.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1540</u>	RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING. Authorizes the Department of Health to accept accreditation from an accreditation organization or a certification organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as demonstration that a licensed home health agency is in compliance with all licensing inspections required by the State. Specifies conditions under which a home health agency may be exempt from a licensing inspection on a continuing basis. Requires information obtained in reports of survey and accreditation or certification letters to be public information.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1541</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. Exempts certain positions in the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health and Hawaii State Hospital from civil service. Authorizes the Director of Health to appoint two additional associate administrators and two project managers for the Hawaii State Hospital or a secure psychiatric rehabilitation facility.	HLT, LAB, FIN

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<u>HB1542</u>	RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. Allows terminally ill patients and qualifying patients over sixty-five years of age with chronic diseases to use medical cannabis within specified health care facilities under certain conditions. Requires enforcement by the Department of Health.	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1543</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Specifies a time limit for the validity of a finding of no significant impact of a final environmental assessment or acceptance of a final environmental impact statement for a proposed action. Requires an agency or applicant to commence a new environmental review process for the proposed action if the validity expires.	EEP, JHA
<u>HB1544</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS. Requires that an environmental assessment be conducted and an environmental impact statement be prepared for any proposed use within historic properties considered significant or recognized as a traditional cultural property.	EEP, WAL, JHA
<u>HB1545</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR WORKERS. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, to establish and implement a five-year voluntary Nontraditional Workforce Portable Health Care Benefit Plan Pilot Program that offers high deductible health plans or catastrophic health plans to nontraditional workers who are ineligible for health benefits provided by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund or prepaid health care plans under the Prepaid Health Care Act. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	LAB, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB1546</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.</p> <p>Establishes a three-year Health Coverage Continuity Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to assist individuals who have lost Medicaid health insurance coverage and lack access to other health insurance options. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to contract with a nonprofit health insurer or community-based organization to operate the Pilot Program; provided that the Department shall allow the operator to access state-backed reinsurance or risk stabilization support for the operator of the Pilot Program. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to: (1) Issue premium subsidies or vouchers; and (2) Accept employer contributions; provided that the benefit shall be portable and follow the individual without imposing compliance or administrative obligations on the State or an employer. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals 6/30/2029.</p>	HSH, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1547</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.</p> <p>For taxable years beginning 1/1/2026, establishes a tiered nonrefundable tax credit for qualified taxpayer insurers that offer one or more federally qualified health savings account-eligible high deductible health plans in the State, under certain conditions, and increasing the tax credit to incentivize more plans being written in rural medically underserved areas of the State. Requires qualified taxpayer insurers to match up to a certain amount of a policyholder's first-time contribution into a health savings account. Sunsets 12/31/2030.</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1548</u>	<p>RELATING TO SENTENCING.</p> <p>Limits the maximum term of imprisonment for misdemeanors, or for offenses punishable by up to or not exceeding one year, to three hundred sixty-four days. Allows individuals previously sentenced to a one-year term of imprisonment to apply to the court for a sentence modification to conform to the new limit.</p>	JHA
<u>HB1549</u>	<p>RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.</p> <p>Repeals the law prohibiting drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.</p>	HLT, JHA
<u>HB1550</u>	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH.</p> <p>Excludes drug testing products from the definition of drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.</p>	HLT, JHA
<u>HB1551</u>	<p>RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER.</p> <p>Specifies that the Chief Election office who passes the standard state probationary period may only be terminated for cause.</p>	LAB, JHA

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<u>HB1552</u>	RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER. Provides that, in the event of a vacancy in the position of Chief Election Officer, the Attorney General shall serve as the Interim Chief Election Officer until the Elections Commission appoints a new Chief Election Officer.	JHA
<u>HB1553</u>	RELATING TO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS. Requires any operator of a golf course in the State to consult with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to apply for an incidental take license and enter into a habitat conservation plan. Requires any existing habitat conservation plan that does not include an agreement for emergency medical and rehabilitation services to affected native wildlife to be amended to include the agreement, and the amended rights and obligations under the habitat conservation plan to be recorded by a certain deadline.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB1554</u>	RELATING TO STATE WORKERS. Short form bill relating to state workers.	LAB
<u>HB1555</u>	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. Short form bill relating to collective bargaining.	LAB
<u>HB1556</u>	RELATING TO LABOR. Short form bill relating to labor.	LAB
<u>HB1557</u>	RELATING TO LABOR. Short form bill relating to labor.	LAB
<u>HB1558</u>	RELATING TO LABOR. Short form bill relating to labor.	LAB
<u>HB1559</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Prohibits a student from using a telecommunication device on school grounds during the instructional day, with certain exceptions. Requires a confiscated telecommunication device to be released only to the student's legal parent or guardian, who then has three months to retrieve the device or subject the device to forfeiture.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB1560</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Beginning 10/1/2026, prohibits digital financial asset transaction kiosks from allowing any two customers from conducting transactions with the same digital financial asset wallet address and requires operators to provide full refunds under certain circumstances.	CPC, JHA

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[HB1561](#)

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

EDN, FIN

Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, requires public charter schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide free meals to students whose family income is no more than three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level. Appropriates funds.

[HB1562](#)

RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.

HLT/HSH, FIN

Establishes and appropriates funds for a one-year Digital Youth Mental Health Platform Pilot Project that will enable the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to develop and make publicly available a digital platform designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires a report to the Legislature.

[HB1563](#)

RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

HLT, CPC, FIN

Repeals existing law that preempts local ordinances or regulations that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices and voids any existing local laws and regulations conflicting with the state law governing smoking. Allows counties to adopt ordinances that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices that do not conflict with and are more stringent than the state law that governs smoking.

[HB1564](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

TRN, JHA

Establishes safe riding behaviors for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations. Beginning 12/31/2026, establishes labeling and signage requirements for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of a moped or electric motorcycle in certain locations. Amends the definition of "bicycle" for purposes of county vehicular taxes. Defines "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle". Defines "electric micro-mobility device" and requires the same regulations as electric foot scooters. Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. Authorizes a person under the age of fourteen to operate class 2 electric bicycles under supervision. Prohibits a person from riding a class 3 electric bicycle on a sidewalk. Authorizes a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk under certain circumstances. Prohibits a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet. Repeals the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes. Substitutes the term "motor-driven cycle" with the term "motor scooter".

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[HB1565](#)

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Establishes a working group within the Judiciary to improve family court processes, including access to legal representation for youth in the child welfare system. Appropriates funds for the working group.

HSH, JHA, FIN

[HB1566](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Requires each state agency to expeditiously use energy efficient lighting. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to provide technical assistance and survey state agencies for compliance, prioritizing first responder facilities. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to assist the Hawaii State Energy Office in conducting the survey. Requires a report of the survey to the Legislature.

EEP, FIN

[HB1567](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY EQUITY.

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish residential electricity rate structures that prioritize affordability and equity. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a lifeline baseline performance standard, a medical essential needs energy program, and a new tariff. Requires electric utilities to file revised tariffs no later than twelve months after the Public Utilities Commission has issued a final decision and order under this Act. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to convene a stakeholder process for developing and implementing this Act.

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB1568](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Prohibits, after 6/30/2026, the importation or storage of liquefied natural gas; the construction, expansion, or operation of liquefied natural gas infrastructure; and state agencies or counties from issuing a permit or lease that enables the development or expansion of liquefied natural gas, with certain exemptions. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Health to adopt rules for the enforcement and compliance of the prohibition. Repeals a provision from the Hawaii State Planning Act making it a policy of the State to use liquefied natural gas as a transitional, limited-term replacement of petroleum. Prohibits, after 6/30/2026, the approval of a new or renewed purchase agreement that proposes to supply a utility with liquefied natural gas and the modification of an existing liquefied natural gas purchase agreement that proposes to extend the term or increase the amount of liquefied natural gas that is supplied under the existing agreement.

EEP, CPC, FIN

**Committee
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[HB1569](#)

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

Phases in requirements that all newly manufactured washing machines sold within the State by January 1, 2042, be equipped with a microfiber filter. Requires certification that newly manufactured washing machines have microfiber filters. Establishes penalties.

EEP, CPC, JHA

[HB1570](#)

RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.

Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the sale, possession, or use of a pesticide containing one or more neonicotinoid pesticides, under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to evaluate the potential impacts of and adopt any necessary control measures for neonicotinoid pesticide use on pollinating insects, native migratory and resident birds, aquatic organisms, and human health.

AGR/EEP, CPC,
FIN

[HB1571](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

For purposes of registering a condominium project in an agricultural district, (1) lowers the threshold from projects with five units to projects with two units for which a signed statement from a county is required and (2) requires a signed statement from the neighborhood board, if applicable.

WAL, CPC

[HB1572](#)

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT.

Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to: (1) Establish a four-year Restorative Aquaculture Development Program to reduce aquaculture permit processing time, support aquaculture infrastructure expansion, increase the aquaculture workforce, and pursue federal aquaculture grants; (2) Establish three pilot demonstration sites for restorative aquaculture; and (3) Convene a Restorative Aquaculture Advisory Council. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

AGR, JHA, FIN

[HB1573](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

Requires electronic smoking device and e-liquid manufacturers to certify to the Department of Attorney General annually that the manufacturer received a Marketing Granted Order from the federal Food and Drug Administration and that the manufacturer is in compliance with federal regulations and state laws. Requires the Department to compile and make public a directory of all electronic smoking device and e-liquid manufacturers and products duly certified. Establishes penalties for manufacturers that fail to comply with the certification requirements and for other parties that sell products that are not in the directory.

HLT, CPC, JHA

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<u>HB1574</u>	RELATING TO THE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM. Requires a participant in the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program to remain and work in the State for a certain number of years based on the amount of financial assistance received.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB1575</u>	RELATING TO ACCESS TO MOVEMENT DISORDER CARE. Establishes a temporary Parkinson's Patient Air Transport Feasibility Committee to examine recommendations for improving access to movement disorder care for neighbor island residents, including the feasibility of a state-administered air transport assistance fund. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB1576</u>	RELATING TO FILMING. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production obtains a permit or enters into a memorandum of agreement or understanding with DBEDT to film a visually recorded production at certain locations. Requires DBEDT to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production registers for pre-qualification or is determined to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit and simultaneously post notice on a publicly accessible part of its website. Allows individuals to sign up to receive notice by electronic mail or postal mail.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1577</u>	RELATING TO 911 SERVICES. Requires the 911 Board to establish, implement, and maintain a statewide emergency safety profile system that allows residents to voluntarily create and manage secure personal profiles containing information relevant to emergency responses.	PBS, FIN
<u>HB1578</u>	RELATING TO STREAM MAINTENANCE. Transfers responsibilities related to the maintenance of channels, streambeds, streambanks, and drainageways from the counties to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1579</u>	RELATING TO LIGHT POLLUTION. Beginning 7/1/2027, establishes outdoor light fixture requirements throughout the State.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1580</u>	RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS. Short form bill relating to state programs.	FIN

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<u>HB1581</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Short form bill relating to taxation.	FIN
<u>HB1582</u>	RELATING TO STATE FINANCES. Short form bill relating to state finances.	FIN
<u>HB1583</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Short form bill relating to the state budget.	FIN
<u>HB1584</u>	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS. Short form bill relating to non-general funds.	FIN
<u>HB1585</u>	RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts eligible groceries from the General Excise Tax. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025.	HSH, ECD, FIN
<u>HB1586</u>	RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES. Clarifies that a community association manager is an individual who is the managing agent responsible for the contracted management and oversight of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium association, or homeowners association. Amends the definition of "managing agent" to include a community association manager.	CPC
<u>HB1587</u>	RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES. Specifies that all condominium associations, boards, and managing agents are required to comply with the declaration, bylaws, and all county ordinances and state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including mortgage lending requirements.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1588</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Establishes the noise detection camera program in the Department of Transportation for the installation of noise detection cameras for the enforcement of noise control laws.	TRN, FIN
<u>HB1589</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. Establishes the Hawaii Dementia Initiative Business Recognition Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates moneys.	ECD, FIN

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[HB1590](#)

RELATING TO VACATION RENTALS.

Requires banks and lenders with a lien upon an illegal short-term rental to foreclose if the lien is not settled within five years. Allows counties to use time-stamped screenshots as evidence for the enforcement of short-term vacation rentals. Requires short-term vacation rental brokers to provide certain data to the Department of Taxation on or before 3/31 following the close of the calendar year. Authorizes the Department of Taxation to issue fines. Includes short-term vacation rental enforcement in the Hawaii Tourism Authority's plans, practices, and efforts involving destination management. Clarifies that the counties may use revenue from the County Transient Accommodations Tax for the enforcement of short-term vacation rentals. Appropriates funds.

TOU, JHA, FIN

[HB1591](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Expands the definitions of "preceptor" and "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation" to improve accessibility for providers to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors, including removing "primary care" from the criteria to qualify as a preceptor. Adds physician assistants and social workers to the list of preceptors and eligible students. Expands eligibility for the tax credit to include accredited residency programs that require preceptor support. Adds the Director of Health and representatives of residency programs with eligible students to the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025.

HLT, FIN

[HB1592](#)

RELATING TO ASSAULT.

Elevates criminal penalties for assaults committed against educational workers and sports officials, while preserving appropriate judicial discretion at sentencing.

EDN, JHA

[HB1593](#)

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Requires, for any affordable rental housing development project that receives financing or any financial assistance from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, that the Corporation require the housing development lease or occupancy agreement to allow residents to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets.

HSG, CPC

[HB1594](#)

RELATING TO ANIMAL IMPORTATION.

Requires, as a condition of entry into the State, documentation verifying that any dog or cat imported into the State has been surgically sterilized, subject to certain exemptions. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish a breeder registry and adopt rules.

AGR, JHA

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
<u>HB1595</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARIAN. Repeals the salary cap for the state librarian.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1596</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes a Basic Needs Pilot Program at a single campus of the University of Hawaii system. Authorizes the establishment of a Housing Stability Pilot Project at that campus. Appropriates funds.	HED, HSH, FIN
<u>HB1597</u>	RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS RESEARCH. Establishes and appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Center at the University of Hawaii, including the establishment of two full-time positions.	HED, HLT, FIN
<u>HB1598</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CLIMATE INSTITUTE. Establishes the Hawaii Climate Institute at the University of Hawaii to support climate resilience and adaptation initiatives of the University and the State. Requires six per cent of the revenue generated by any increase to the Transient Accommodations Tax rates beginning on January 1, 2026, and by assessment of the Transient Accommodations Tax on gross rental proceeds derived from cruise fares to be allocated to the University of Hawaii annually to support the programs and operations of the Hawaii Climate Institute. Transfers the International Pacific Research Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology to the Hawaii Climate Institute. Appropriates funds.	HED, EEP, FIN
<u>HB1599</u>	RELATING TO TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. Requires the State, Legislature, and counties to amend rules and policies to ensure that certain employees can transfer accrued vacation and sick leaves if rehired by the State or a county within one calendar year of separation. Extends the allowable break in service for purposes of determining certain state and county contributions to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund from ninety calendar days to one full year.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB1600</u>	RELATING TO GAMBLING. Provides that a defendant may not assert social gambling as an affirmative defense if the gambling activity occurred at the defendant's residence and gambling activities have resulted in multiple recent documented noise complaints.	JHA

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<u>HB1601</u>	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Amends the expending agency for a fiscal year 2026-2027 appropriation for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1602</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant specialist position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB1603</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Repeals the requirement for land covered by an agricultural park lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less to be located in a county having a population of less than five hundred thousand in order for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to extend the lease.	AGR, WAL, JHA
<u>HB1604</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR, HSG, FIN
<u>HB1605</u>	RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for the development of its human and community resilience institute.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB1606</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Transfers oversight of the Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Transfers the Agricultural Development Division of DAB to the ADC.	AGR, ECD, FIN
<u>HB1607</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT. Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating bids or proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes tiered local preference percentages to be applied based on bid price. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria.	ECD, FIN

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<u>HB1608</u>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST FENIX SPACE, INC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for the planning, design, and construction of the Fenix Space launch platform system and Fenix Space Hilo flight operations facility.	ECD, TRN, FIN
<u>HB1609</u>	RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES. Allows the naming rights of the Stadium Facility and Convention Center Facility to be leased to any public or private entity. Requires any revenues derived from advertising or marketing in or on the Stadium Facility or Convention Center Facility to be deposited into the appropriate special fund of the facility. Authorizes the display of the name of any entity that leased the naming rights to a stadium operated by the Stadium Authority on the exterior of the stadium. Exempts concessions within the stadium facility and convention center from chapter 102, HRS.	LAB, TOU, FIN
<u>HB1610</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM. Requires only selected redemption centers to send monthly or semi-annual distribution reports and supporting records to the Deposit Beverage Container Program. Repeals the requirement that all deposit beverage distributors develop and submit an internal control process to the Deposit Beverage Container Program and obtain independent audits for years ending in an odd number.	EEP, CPC
<u>HB1611</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes a yearly reduction in the general excise tax rate on groceries and nonprescription drugs on a tiered schedule, until 1/1/2034 and thereafter, when a full general excise tax exemption applies. Beginning 1/1/2028, provides a general excise tax exemption on the wholesale sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs. Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the counties from imposing a county surcharge on groceries and nonprescription drugs.	ECD, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1612</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a business competitiveness goal for the State to achieve a ranking of being in the top thirty states in the United States for business climate by 2045, with interim goals. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit annual reports on progress in meeting the business competitive goals. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN

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<u>HB1613</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity Specialist and Marketing and Branding Specialist positions.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1614</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation Revolving Fund for the purpose of financing the State's matching contributions required by federal grants. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1615</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to contract for the services of a consultant to support the development, coordination, and implementation of certain state ocean technology and innovation initiatives and appropriates funds for this purpose.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1616</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies that the disposition of agricultural park lots for commercial activity may occur after the initial development of the agricultural park and regardless of whether the applicable county council approved plans and specifications for the future disposition of lots for commercial activity, with certain exceptions. Authorizes the care and production of swine and swine products within certain agricultural parks and under certain conditions.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1617</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Reestablishes the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund. Establishes the Carbon Emissions Tax and Dividend Special Fund. Gradually increases the Environmental Response, Energy, Carbon Emissions, and Food Security tax rates and establishes a refundable carbon cashback tax credit to offset increases for most taxpayers. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	EEP/AGR, FIN
<u>HB1618</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS. Establishes and appropriates funds for a cesspool conversion loan special fund, to be administered by the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, to provide low-interest loans to eligible homeowners for the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools.	EEP, FIN

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<u>HB1619</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE. Excludes from the definition of "development", as it applies to special management areas, the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of an electric vehicle charging system as a minor structure. Includes the Public Utilities Commission in the development and implementation of plans to meet the long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation in the State.	EEP, WAL, CPC
<u>HB1620</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Increases the environmental response, energy, and food security tax and the amount collected from the tax that is deposited into the electric vehicle charging system subaccount.	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>HB1621</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Conservation Agriculture and Soil Health Incentive Program within the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR/EEP, FIN
<u>HB1622</u>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BANA PACIFIC INC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Bana Pacific Inc. in constructing a biogas production facility.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB1623</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Establishes an executive committee and amends the membership and duties of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission). Requires each member agency of the Commission to implement its own actions to address certain strategies and goals established by the Commission. Establishes reporting and review requirements for member agencies relating to climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts and clean economy targets. Updates reporting requirements for the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation reports. Allows the Commission to enter into certain procurement contracts. Updates the zero emissions clean economy target.	EEP, WAL, FIN

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<u>HB1624</u>	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO LEGALIZE THE ADULT USE OF CANNABIS. Proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize individuals aged twenty-one and older to use and possess a personal-use amount of cannabis. Requires the Legislature to enact laws governing the use, manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, regulation, and taxation of cannabis within the State.	JHA/CPC, FIN
<u>HB1625</u>	RELATING TO CANNABIS. Establishes the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Office within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to regulate all aspects of the cannabis plant. Contingent upon specific changes at the federal level or a state constitutional amendment, legalizes the personal adult use of cannabis and decriminalizes certain marijuana-related offenses. Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes taxes on cannabis sales. Adds new traffic offenses relating to the consumption or possession of marijuana or marijuana concentrate. Transfers the personnel and assets of the Department of Health and assets of the Department of Agriculture relating to cannabis and hemp to the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Office. Establishes various positions within state entities. Appropriates funds.	JHA/AGR, CPC, FIN
<u>HB1626</u>	RELATING TO YOUTH PENALTIES. Prohibits the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who was adjudicated for an offense committed during the person's minority, or against the person's parent or guardian, and discharges all related debt obligations assessed before the effective date of the Act. Encourages the use of community service and other programs that employ aina-based principles. Repeals certain penalties imposed on parents, guardians, or other persons associated with unaccompanied children in streets and unmarried minors in dance halls.	HSH, JHA
<u>HB1627</u>	RELATING TO SENTENCING. Amends repeat offender sentencing provisions to allow sentencing courts, under certain circumstances, to sentence defendants in class C felony cases to probation with appropriate terms and conditions.	JHA
<u>HB1628</u>	RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE RELEASE. Establishes a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons.	PBS, JHA
<u>HB1629</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Short form bill relating to economic development.	ECD

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<u>HB1630</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Short form bill relating to economic development.	ECD
<u>HB1631</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Short form bill relating to economic development.	ECD
<u>HB1632</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Short form bill relating to economic development.	ECD
<u>HB1633</u>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Short form bill relating to economic development.	ECD
<u>HB1634</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION EQUITY. Requires the Department of Education to permit the participation of eligible homeschooled students in public high school extracurricular activities, subject to certain requirements and limitations.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1635</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Makes broadcast and streaming platform productions and commercial advertisement productions with Internet-only distribution eligible to receive the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1636</u>	RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS. Requires every business establishment that provides a shopping cart to mark each cart with identifying information. Authorizes a county to impound and dispose of a shopping cart and assess impound fees, storage fees, and disposal fees under certain circumstances. Authorizes the counties to return a shopping cart, in lieu of impoundment, to the business establishment, subject to certain fines.	ECD, WAL, JHA
<u>HB1637</u>	RELATING TO NONPROFITS. Authorizes the Department of the Attorney General to initiate an investigation into a nonprofit corporation for compliance with the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act and its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.	JHA

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<u>HB1638</u>	RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGES. Limits claims alleging property damage from covered catastrophic wildfires to actual damages. Amends the aggregate liability limit for qualifying damages from covered catastrophic wildfires to be \$1,000,000,000, rather than administratively established by the Public Utilities Commission, and makes the limit applicable only to property covered by a property insurance policy up to the coverage limit. Requires the Director of Emergency Management to determine whether a wildfire is a covered catastrophic wildfire. Specifies that claims subject to the limit must be filed within one year of the covered catastrophic wildfire. Clarifies that a property and casualty insurer's rights to subrogation are not limited in the context of an insured's recovery by judgment or settlement of a third-party tort claim.	EEP, CPC/JHA, FIN
<u>HB1639</u>	RELATING TO NOTARIES PUBLIC. Requires the Bureau of Conveyances to void any recorded instrument that was fraudulently notarized when attested to by the purported notary public. Requires the Bureau of Conveyance to allow title holders to suspend additional recordings on their title, unless given prior authorization by the title holder, subject to certain limitations.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1640</u>	RELATING TO FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION. Requires financial institutions to establish policies for identifying financial exploitation and the training of employees. Establishes procedures for reporting suspected financial exploitation. Requires financial institutions to delay transactions, and allows freezes on assets, when there is suspected financial exploitation. Provides immunity from liability for financial institutions for any action, determination, omission, or practice related to this Act.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1641</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, lease, rental, distribution, possession, or operation of a high-speed electric bicycle. Establishes penalties.	TRN, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1642</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Beginning 10/1/2026, prohibits the use of a digital financial asset transaction kiosk that accepts or dispenses United States currency by means of credit card or cash in exchange for a digital financial asset.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1643</u>	RELATING TO PHARMACY. Specifies a framework for the administration of audits of records of pharmacists and pharmacies.	HLT, CPC

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[HB1644](#)

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Requires any person or entity selling a residential solar energy device to comply with consumer protection laws. Prohibits the sale of a residential solar energy device without a contractor's license or contractual affiliation with a licensed contractor.

Requires a standardized disclosure form to be developed by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for use in all residential solar proposals and contracts.

EEP, CPC

[HB1645](#)

RELATING TO LIABILITY.

HSH, JHA

Provides certain liability protections for foster care agencies that are under contract with the State to provide foster care services to children in foster care. Requires contracts between foster care agencies and the State to include a state indemnification clause and requires foster care agencies to name the State as an additional insured. Prohibits punitive damages and pre- and post-judgment interest for foster care agencies. Requires actions against foster care agencies to be tried by the court, except in certain circumstances. Removes joint and several liability for foster care agencies. Specifies that no bond shall be required from a foster care agency on appeal.

[HB1646](#)

RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION.

CPC, JHA

Allows the court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party in an action relating to discriminatory practices in a rental transaction based on source of income.

[HB1647](#)

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

CPC, JHA

Subjects hosts of digital financial asset transaction kiosks to civil penalties for acts of fraud committed through the use of the digital financial asset transaction kiosk located on the host's premises. Applies to contracts to host digital financial asset transaction kiosks that are entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. Beginning 7/1/2027, applies to contracts to host digital financial asset transaction kiosks that are in effect as of the day before the effective date of this Act.

[HB1648](#)

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

LAB, CPC

Prohibits health care providers from prescribing or dispensing nonprescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and nonlegend drugs for workers' compensation patients.

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<u>HB1649</u>	RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Requires the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to notify an injured employee or their dependents of benefits to which they may be entitled. Specifies notification requirements. Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to provide information regarding nonstatutory programs and benefits offered to injured employees and their families by nonprofit organizations.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB1650</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS. Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1651</u>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to contract with a third-party consultant to develop a Climate Protection Plan for delivery to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2029. Establishes a Climate Protection Advisory Committee to assist the third-party consultant. Appropriates funds.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1652</u>	RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. Exempts agricultural ponds and low-risk green stormwater infrastructure from regulations covering retention ponds. Defines agricultural ponds and low-risk green stormwater infrastructure.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB1653</u>	RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE. Prohibits claims for refunds, reimbursements, or other payments, authorization for which is sought from the Legislature that exceed the time limitations of section 40-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from being claimed. Requires the Attorney General to include in the Attorney General's annual report of claims recommended for approval a total dollar amount of possible judgments against the State that have not yet settled. Requires the Attorney General's report to the Legislature describing the claims against the State to include additional information. Requires the Attorney General to submit a report every five years to the Legislature containing further incidents that occurred in an agency that led to a claim.	JHA, FIN

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[HB1654](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Requires the Attorney General to establish a confidential process for persons to anonymously file complaints against public employees. Requires the Attorney General to review and forward the complaints to the department, board, commission, or agency deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Requires the departments, boards, commissions, and agencies to process the complaint pursuant to their standard complaint-processing procedures and report the disposition to the Attorney General. Requires the Attorney General to adopt rules and submit annual reports to the Legislature.

LAB, JHA

[HB1655](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

LAB, FIN

Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits.

[HB1656](#)

RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE.

LAB, FIN

Amends the amount that a disbursing officer may deduct from an employee's salary, wage, or compensation based on the employee's gross income.

[HB1657](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

LAB, FIN

Authorizes state departments, divisions, and agencies to elect to assume hiring and recruitment functions from the Department of Human Resources Development for vacant civil service positions within that department, division, or agency under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to adopt rules. Repeals existing law authorizing state departments, divisions, and agencies to conduct minimum qualification review of applicants for their vacant civil service positions.

[HB1658](#)

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

LAB, FIN

Amends the collective bargaining negotiation procedure on the repricing of classes within a bargaining unit for public employees. Establishes an impasse procedure to be applied when an employer fails to initiate the negotiation or the parties fail to reach an agreement within certain timeframes. Repeals existing law that requires a different impasse procedure to apply in those situations. Sunsets 6/30/2029.

[HB1659](#)

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

LAB, JHA

Repeals the prohibition placed on certain employees exempt from Civil Service Law from grieving a suspension or discharge. Allows any employee who is a member of an appropriate bargaining unit to grieve any disciplinary action.

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<u>HB1660</u>	RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS. Authorizes the counties to require contractors to disclose information regarding their employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, under certain conditions.	LAB, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1661</u>	RELATING TO CAFETERIA PLANS. Specifies that the maximum contribution and carryover amounts for a public service flexible spending account plan shall be set in accordance with the annual limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service for cafeteria plans.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB1662</u>	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS. Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.	LAB, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1663</u>	RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. Requires the State or a county to reimburse an officer or employee for work-related travel costs that the officer or employee loaned to the State or a county within thirty calendar days of submitting an approved Statement of Completed Travel. Requires the State or a county to pay interest on a loan not reimbursed within thirty days until the loan is fully reimbursed. Obligates an officer or employee to request a complete refund from the travel vendor for travel not taken. Entitles an officer or employee to reimbursement from the State or a county when a travel vendor offers no or a partial refund.	LAB, FIN
<u>HB1664</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. Allows impasses and disputes relating to the amounts of State and county contributions to the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to be resolved by arbitration. Repeals the prohibition against strikes by members of bargaining units on the issue of the amounts of State and county contributions to the Trust Fund.	LAB, FIN

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[HB1665](#)

RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.

Expands the definition of "terroristic threatening" to include electronic communications, including posts made on or messages sent through social media. Specifies that terroristic threatening against public infrastructure, including schools; a federal, state, or county government agency; an elderly person who has attained the age of sixty-two years; a child who is under the age of eighteen; or a disabled person is a Class B felony. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

HSH, JHA

[HB1666](#)

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

TRN, PBS, CPC

Prohibits, for sales or offers for sale of new motor vehicles, markups in excess of five per cent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price, markups in excess of \$0 when specified in a proclamation declaring a state of emergency, and charges added to rates not based on the underwriting risk or credit characteristics of the consumer when dealers directly finance motor vehicle purchases. Requires dealers to retain records for markups for a period of no less than three years.

[HB1667](#)

RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

JHA

Lowers the age to obtain a state civil identification card without a signature from a parent or guardian from eighteen years old to sixteen years old.

[HB1668](#)

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

HSH, FIN

Requires the Department of Human Services to allow a full earned income disregard for individuals with disabilities who are between the ages of sixteen and sixty-four years when determining eligibility for Medicaid. Takes effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

[HB1669](#)

RELATING TO LUNG CANCER SCREENING.

HLT, CPC

Requires the Department of Health to develop by 12/31/2026, standardized educational materials relating to lung cancer screening and language on lung cancer screening information to be included in signage and written notices to be used by retailers of tobacco products. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires retailers engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products to display signage on lung cancer screening at each point of sale and provide written notice on lung cancer screening to each buyer of a tobacco product.

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<u>HB1670</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Beginning 1/1/2027, repeals the fourteen years and under age limit for health insurance coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment of autism. Repeals the maximum coverage benefit limit of \$25,000 for applied behavioral analysis services.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1671</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Allows a licensed dental hygienist to place interim therapeutic restorations in public health settings under the general supervision of licensed dentist.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1672</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires the Department of Education to give reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the facilities of a public school available to housing development for certain employees of the Department when closing the public school. Requires the Department of Education to identify unused public school facilities that may be appropriate for employee housing and inventory suitable grounds available upon public school closure for potential development of employee housing.	EDN, HSG, FIN
<u>HB1673</u>	RELATING TO LANDFILL UNITS. Beginning 7/1/2026, prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of a landfill unit, or any component of a landfill unit, within the no-pass zone in a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand, with certain exemptions.	WAL, EEP, JHA
<u>HB1674</u>	RELATING TO FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT. Extends child care subsidies to disabled parents or guardians, regardless of their employment status. Requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate caregiver capacity and dependent-care responsibilities when determining eligibility for medicaid home- and community-based services. Requires the Department of Human Services to update its evaluation form and functional assessment protocols related to level of care and at-risk needs determinations. Appropriates funds.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB1675</u>	RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY. Establishes the Office of Legislative Ethics and Accountability as an independent, nonpartisan entity to receive and investigate complaints alleging ethical violations or misconduct by current members or current employees of the state legislature. Appropriates moneys.	LMG, JHA, FIN

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<u>HB1676</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Establishes an Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force to develop guidelines and recommendations for the use of artificial intelligence in state public education. Requires the Superintendent of Education and Chief Financial Officer of the University of Hawaii to receive certain documentation from a vendor of an artificial intelligence tool before the procurement or use of the artificial intelligence tool. Appropriates funds.	HED/EDN, FIN
<u>HB1677</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE THIRTY-FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the thirty-first representative district.	FIN
<u>HB1678</u>	RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS. Clarifies that in planned community association and condominium elections conducted by cumulative voting, cumulative voting rights apply to all candidates, including write-ins, and that individual votes are used when allocating votes.	CPC
<u>HB1679</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Clarifies an association board's authority with respect to calling and authorizing electronic meetings, electronic voting at electronic meetings, electronic voting without a meeting, and mail voting without a meeting.	CPC
<u>HB1680</u>	RELATING TO VEHICLE TRANSFERS. Requires each county Director of Finance to notify all applicable state and local agencies upon receipt of official notification of a vehicle transfer from a transferor. Requires each county Director of Finance to establish a centralized notification system to applicable agencies for every vehicle transfer by 7/1/2027.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB1681</u>	RELATING TO PRIVACY. Establishes the offense of nonconsensual distribution of an intimate image.	JHA
<u>HB1682</u>	RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES. Enacts the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act.	JHA
<u>HB1683</u>	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Short form bill relating to the arts.	CAA
<u>HB1684</u>	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Short form bill relating to the arts.	CAA

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<u>HB1685</u>	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Short form bill relating to the arts.	CAA
<u>HB1686</u>	RELATING TO CULTURE. Short form bill relating to culture.	CAA
<u>HB1687</u>	RELATING TO CULTURE. Short form bill relating to culture.	CAA
<u>HB1688</u>	RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE. Provides a general excise tax exemption for the sale of material, parts, or tools used for aircraft service and maintenance or for the construction of an aircraft service and maintenance facility.	TRN, FIN
<u>HB1689</u>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Part I: Extends the Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target to 2075 and establishes an interim target of seventy per cent for 2050. Part II: Maintains the existing Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target but exempts the Department of Transportation and transportation systems and services from the target.	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>HB1690</u>	RELATING TO MINORS. Expands the statewide curfew to apply to minors under 18 years of age, instead of under 16. Amends the exceptions to, and penalties for, violations of the statewide curfew. Restricts a county's authority to enact curfew ordinances to only those ordinances that are more stringent than the statewide curfew.	HSH, JHA
<u>HB1691</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Authorizes supporting documents used to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle to an insurer after payment of damages from the result of a total loss insurance settlement to be signed electronically. Requires insurance companies to indemnify and hold harmless the Director of Finance for any claims resulting from the issuance of motor vehicle titles utilizing documents signed electronically without a notary. Effective 1/1/2027.	TRN, CPC
<u>HB1692</u>	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. Requires drivers of vehicles approaching stationary motor vehicles stopped on the shoulder or roadside due to a traffic collision or vehicle maintenance or mechanical problem to slow down and make a lane change if necessary.	TRN, JHA

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<u>HB1693</u>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Part I: Extends the Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target from 2045 to 2050. Part II: Maintains the existing Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target but exempts the Department of Transportation and transportation systems and services from the target.	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>HB1694</u>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL TAX CREDIT. Establishes a tax credit for sustainable aviation fuel distribution in Hawaii to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Provides \$1 per gallon, increasing by 2 cents per additional 1 per cent emissions reduction, up to \$2 per gallon. Caps total credits at \$20,000,000 annually, with carryover provisions. Requires reporting to ensure transparency and compliance. Applies to taxable years after December 31, 2025, and sunsets on December 31, 2035.	TRN, EEP, FIN
<u>HB1695</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL. Expands the provisions of the renewable fuels production tax credit.	TRN, EEP, FIN
<u>HB1696</u>	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES. Lowers the age of who may drive commercially within the State from nineteen to eighteen. Repeals the requirement that a person only operates category 3 vehicles to qualify to drive commercially in the State. Requires the Department of Transportation to amend its rules to lower the minimum age required for a commercial driver's license.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB1697</u>	RELATING TO NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING. Exempts natural hair braiders from licensing requirements under certain conditions.	CPC
<u>HB1698</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires health insurance carriers to honor a patient's written assignment of benefits to a substance use disorder treatment provider. Prohibits health insurance contracts from including anti-assignment clauses that restrict or invalidate a patient's right to assign benefits. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules and take enforcement action to ensure compliance. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to publish an annual summary. Allows providers to bring civil actions to compel payment and obtain injunctive relief, damages, interest, and attorneys' fees for violations. Deems violations to be unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Requires insurers to furnish an explanation of benefits to the assigned provider upon request.	HLT, CPC, JHA

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<u>HB1699</u>	RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY. Establishes and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program under the Department of Human Services to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028.	HSH, AGR, FIN
<u>HB1700</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Includes housing projects for individuals with disabilities and individuals with access and functional needs as eligible projects to apply for expedited permits. Effective 7/2/2026. Repeals on 6/30/2031.	HSG/WAL, JHA
<u>HB1701</u>	RELATING TO PARKING. Prohibits minimum off-street parking requirements for new developments or redevelopment projects located in transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement program areas.	HSG, WAL, JHA
<u>HB1702</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program to provide coverage for brief cognitive assessments for individuals fifty years of age and older.	HLT/HSH, CPC
<u>HB1703</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE. Authorizes rodeos and rodeo activities on lands that are zoned for agricultural use. Defines the term "rodeo and rodeo activities".	WAL, CAA, JHA
<u>HB1704</u>	RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT. Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Effective 1/1/2027.	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1705</u>	RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY. Allows licensed mental health counselors to be appointed as child custody evaluators.	HSH, JHA

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[HB1706](#)

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

Expands the services eligible for Medicaid Prospective Payment System reimbursement to include certain services furnished by a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic and provided by mental health professionals under the clinical supervision of a licensed mental health professional. Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to allow medical assistance reimbursement payments for services provided to recipients eligible for Medicaid benefits under any plan under Medicaid managed care programs in the State by unlicensed mental health professionals under the clinical supervision of a licensed mental health professional. Requires the Department of Human Services to seek necessary waivers and any additional approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

HSH, CPC

[HB1707](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, FIN

Establishes a Local Agriculture Transportation Cost Reimbursement Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to reimburse eligible ranchers and farmers a portion of their costs to transport livestock, livestock products, agricultural commodities, and certain supplies, under certain conditions. Establishes a position to administer the Program. Appropriates funds.

[HB1708](#)

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

TRN, JHA

Specifies that operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver is a class C felony and outlines additional requirements for probation.

[HB1709](#)

RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS.

TRN, CPC, FIN

Transfers the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation. Makes conforming amendments. Appropriates funds.

[HB1710](#)

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

WAL, HSG, FIN

Authorizes SHPD to conduct a phased review of a proposed project on private property under certain circumstances. Amends the process and deadlines by which SHPD must provide written concurrence or non-concurrence for a proposed project on private property or other project that requires entitlement for use, after which concurrence may be assumed and the project may proceed.

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<u>HB1711</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Amends, for purposes of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's Rent-to-Own Program, the period during which the sales price of a dwelling unit is required to remain fixed from five years to an option period to be determined by the Corporation.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1712</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL. Makes both the representative of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the representative of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii permanent standing members of the State Building Code Council, instead of members who alternate terms every 4 years.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1713</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES. Clarifies the application of exemptions for certain affordable housing projects, including exempting new residential developments of fewer than one hundred dwelling units, from school impact fee requirements. Repeals 7/1/2029.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1714</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Increases the salary cap of the Executive Director of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to an amount that does not exceed the Governor's salary. Renames the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director and increases that position's salary cap to 95% of the Executive Director salary. Prohibits HHFDC and Hawaii Public Housing Authority employment contracts that exceed 2 years, unless approved by the Legislature. Provides HHFDC with autonomy in personnel matters.	HSG, LAB, FIN
<u>HB1715</u>	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Authorizes HHFDC to designate certain for-sale units as permanently affordable housing, subject to certain restrictions. Clarifies that certain resale and occupancy restrictions apply only to projects developed prior to a certain date. Amends the definition of "qualified resident" for the purposes of HHFDC housing development programs.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1716</u>	RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Establishes a process by which any political party continuously listed on the general election ballot for twenty or more years shall be deemed continuously qualified for ballot placement.	JHA

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<u>HB1717</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT HEALTH. Authorizes a school to maintain a stock supply of over-the-counter oral antihistamines to be administered under certain conditions. Authorizes school personnel to administer the over-the-counter oral antihistamine medication, under certain conditions.	EDN, JHA
<u>HB1718</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Repeals the sunset date of Act 45, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, thereby making permanent the authority of the counties to share in facilitating the development, construction, financing, refinancing, or other provision of mixed-use developments, including low- and moderate-income housing projects, and issue county bonds for this purpose.	HSG, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1719</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes that manufactured homes are a permitted use by right on residentially zoned lots within the urban district. Limits the use of residential building design elements to deny or discourage otherwise code-compliant manufactured homes. Prohibits homeowners' associations and similar private governing bodies from enforcing covenants that actively or effectively prohibit otherwise lawful manufactured housing. Prohibits counties from requiring manufactured homes that comply with federal manufactured housing standards to also comply with the Hawaii state building code or a county building code. Specifies that a manufactured home is considered real property, requiring its transfer, conveyance, and mortgage to follow the same recording and enforcement requirements as other real property.	HSG/WAL, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1720</u>	RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS. Clarifies that a county employee's code compliance review of plans for construction applicable to the specific engineering field is considered lawful experience in engineering work for purposes of professional engineering licensure.	LAB, CPC
<u>HB1721</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Clarifies insurance, indemnification, and certain certificate of occupancy requirements for purposes of expedited permits.	HSG, CPC, JHA

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[HB1722](#)

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS.

HSG, CPC

Clarifies the Ninety-Nine Year Leasehold Program to: (1) Require at least sixty per cent of the residential condominium units within urban redevelopment sites to be set aside for owner-occupied residential use for not less than ten years from the date of initial purchase of the unit; (2) Amend eligibility requirements to buy or own a residential condominium unit within an urban redevelopment site to allow an individual to own other real property; (3) Amend the term "owner-occupied residential use" to include the renting or subleasing by the owner of a residential condominium unit to any tenant or sublessee of any kind; and (4) Allow the sale of up to forty per cent of residential condominium units to qualified residents if there are units available after being advertised for sale for more than sixty days. Effective 7/1/2050.

[HB1723](#)

RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND.

HSG, FIN

Revises the Mixed-Income Subaccount within the Rental Housing Revolving Fund by modifying the priority list for project funding and adding new project priority criteria. Authorizes fund transfers between the Mixed-Income Subaccount without legislative approval. Authorizes conveyance tax revenues deposited into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to be transferred to the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050.

[HB1724](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

HSG, FIN

Makes the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot Program permanent, with modifications that include changing the computation of interest that a purchaser of certain real property is required to pay to the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation upon the purchaser's sale or assignment of the real property after a specified period of time. Expands the use of proceeds in the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to include purchasing equity in for-sale housing development projects and interim primary or secondary financing.

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REFERRAL**

[HB1725](#)

RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.

HSG/WAL, FIN

Part I: Fixes the applicable building codes, standards, and county amendments for the life of a building permit, subject to limited life-safety exceptions and ordinary permit expiration rules, as of the date a county accepts a complete building permit application or issues an authorization to proceed with construction. Part II: Specifies the applicability of the International Residential Code, as adopted and amended by the State Building Code Council. Authorizes a county to adopt amendments to the Hawaii state building code that are more stringent or less stringent than a corresponding state-adopted code provision, under certain circumstances, and repeals the counties' existing authority to amend or adopt the buildings code without council approval. Beginning on the effective date of the next statewide adoption of the International Code Council suite of applicable codes as the Hawaii state building code, changes the adoption of the Hawaii state building code from a two-year cycle to a six-year cycle. Part III: Appropriates funds for one staff position and necessary consultant services to carry out statewide code adoption, economic and hazard analyses, and administrative support.

[HB1726](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

HSG/WAL, FIN

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in collaboration with other agencies, to study options for and coordinate the development of a shared statewide housing and infrastructure data platform to inform agency decision-making and state housing and infrastructure investments. Includes the development of a model that assesses the fiscal impacts of development and regional infrastructure investments. Appropriates funds.

[HB1727](#)

RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND.

HSG, FIN

Specifies the conditions upon which the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation may transfer moneys from within the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to a subaccount and between subaccounts of the fund. Clarifies what constitutes a mixed-income rental project for purposes of loans funded through the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Repeals the sunset date for the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit rental housing revolving funds into the Mixed-Income Subaccount. Appropriates funds.

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
<u>HB1728</u>	RELATING TO RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS. Requires the counties to allow for the installation and operation of rainwater catchment systems for potable and non-potable uses on all properties. Authorizes the counties to regulate and enforce standards for the use of rainwater catchment systems.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1729</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Disallows the home mortgage interest deduction for second homes under state income tax law.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1730</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a Wastewater Technical Advisory Group to assist the Department of Health in a review of the Department's administrative rules and practices regarding wastewater systems and cesspools and in the development of proposed changes to make cesspool conversions more affordable. Requires report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for positions and hiring of a consultant to assist the Wastewater Technical Advisory Group.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1731</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES. Clarifies that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who meet an intermediate care facility or nursing facility level of care shall not be denied residency in a licensed community care foster family home solely because of their disability or enrollment in a specific medicaid waiver program.	HLT/HSH, FIN
<u>HB1732</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes the Kamaaina Homes Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to provide funding to the counties to purchase voluntary deed restrictions from eligible homebuyers.	HSG, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1733</u>	RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM. Increases the Hula Mae Multifamily Revenue Bond authorization ceiling amount to continue financing affordable rental housing statewide.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1734</u>	RELATING TO ZONING. Prohibits the counties from imposing certain lot requirements and dwelling specifications for parcels of land located within the urban district for purposes of subdivision, development, or the issuance of a building permit, with certain exemptions. Allows the counties to establish a petition process for neighborhoods, subdivisions, or other geographically contiguous areas to establish or retain certain requirements or specifications.	WAL, HSG, JHA

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<u>HB1735</u>	RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Exempts predator control and trapping for the purpose of protecting property or native biodiversity from the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB1736</u>	RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL. Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation, including the free-roaming cat population, and authorizes an income tax designation to provide revenues into the special fund. Requires cats over the age of five months to be surgically sterilized and prohibits cats that are not surgically sterilized from being brought into the State, with certain exceptions. Appropriates funds.	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1737</u>	RELATING TO FARM EMPLOYEE HOUSING. Clarifies that a "farm dwelling" permitted in an agricultural district includes a single-family farm dwelling with an accessory employee housing structure, subject to certain restrictions.	HSG/WAL, AGR, JHA
<u>HB1738</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE DECISION-MAKING. Provides the authority for counties to amend district boundaries up to 25 acres for purposes of residential housing, agricultural workforce housing, long-term rental, or workforce fee simple ownership.	HSG/WAL, JHA
<u>HB1739</u>	RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. 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 in county-designated transit-oriented development zones and transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement program areas.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1740</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Removes the prohibition against qualified residents for Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation-approved projects holding a majority interest in land and removes the requirement that qualified residents demonstrate financial viability or ability to pay rent. Amends exemptions from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules for certain housing projects developed by the Corporation that satisfy certain conditions, including requirements related to employment, owner-occupancy, and deed restrictions.	HSG, WAL, FIN

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[HB1741](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Deems a county affordable housing 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 affordable housing mandate or inclusionary requirements for residential or mixed-use development, under certain circumstances. Establishes additional requirements for a needs assessment study for a county-imposed affordable housing mandate. Establishes a criterion that allows luxury residential projects or projects that receive discretionary value-add approvals to be subject to inclusionary requirements.

HSG, WAL, JHA

[HB1742](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Authorizes the construction and occupation of self-contained relocatable housing units, with certain restrictions.

HSG/WAL, TRN,
JHA

[HB1743](#)

RELATING TO THE OWNER-BUILDER EXEMPTION.

Repeals the leasing restriction on owner-builders who obtain an owner-builder exemption to act as their own contractor and who build or improve residential or farm buildings or structures on property they own or lease and do not offer the buildings or structures for sale. Requires an owner or lessee to provide signed written notice that a residential structure offered for lease or sublease was built or improved by an individual who is not a licensed contractor.

HSG, CPC

[HB1744](#)

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

Requires the Department of Human Services to amend the Hawaii Medicaid State Plan or request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment under the Medicaid State Plan to include naturopathic medicine.

HSH/HLT, FIN

[HB1745](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII CLEAN ENERGY
INITIATIVE.

Replaces the State's renewable portfolio standard of 100 per cent renewable energy generation by 2045 with the original mandate for 70 per cent by 12/31/2045.

EEP, CPC

[HB1746](#)

RELATING TO FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION.

Establishes within the Honolulu Police Department a rapid DNA investigative lead program. Appropriates moneys.

JHA, FIN

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[HB1747](#)

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Requires the Department of Human Services to request and implement waivers or waiver extensions from the federal government to make sugary drinks and candy ineligible foods for purchase with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Requires annual reports to the legislature on waiver status, ineligible foods, and implementation impacts.

HSH, FIN

[HB1748](#)

RELATING TO MEDICAL EDUCATION.

Requires the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to establish a nutrition and metabolic health curriculum for medical students at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Requires a report to the Legislature.

HED, HLT, FIN

[HB1749](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to prioritize priority level 1 and priority level 2 cesspools in any efforts undertaken to assist with cesspool upgrade, conversion, and connection and provide guidance to property owners. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawai'i Cesspool Prioritization Tool to be updated as determined by the Department of Health. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires sellers to provide buyers with a cesspool disclosure form before the execution of a real estate purchase contract. Requires the Department of Health and Real Estate Commission to develop a standardized cesspool disclosure form by 11/1/2026. Establishes penalties.

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB1750](#)

RELATING TO OAHU CORAL REEF RESTORATION.

Temporarily prohibits the taking by spearing of uhu or kala in state marine waters around the island of Oahu, and prohibits the commercial sale of uhu and kala so taken, until the Division of Aquatic Resources' Holomua Marine Initiative process adopts applicable regulations.

WAL, JHA

[HB1751](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Authorizes the Adjutant General to expand the Hawaii National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program to include graduate degrees at the University of Hawaii for qualified enlisted personnel in the Hawaii National Guard.

PBS, HED, FIN

[HB1752](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Removes the Adjutant General as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. Adds the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the EMSAC.

PBS, JHA

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<u>HB1753</u>	RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA. Requires certain social media platforms to provide an accessible mechanism for users to delete their accounts on the platform and permanently erase all personal information associated with deleted accounts. Prohibits certain deceptive practices by a social media platform that obstructs the deletion of user accounts. Authorizes the Attorney General to pursue civil actions and seek injunctive relief and penalties for violations. Effective 1/1/2027.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1754</u>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts food and groceries from the general excise tax. Expands the general excise tax exemption implemented in 2024 for certain medical and dental services to include all medical and dental services.	ECD, HLT, FIN
<u>HB1755</u>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. Eliminates the state individual income tax.	FIN
<u>HB1756</u>	RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM. Updates the Individual Housing Account statute to reflect the current cost of housing down-payments more accurately.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1757</u>	RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS LEASES. Requires leases used in the conveyance of available lands as	JHA, FIN
<u>HB1758</u>	RELATING TO ELDER CRIME VICTIMS. Removes state of mind requirement pertaining to a victim's age for felony assaults aggravated by the victim's age.	HSH, JHA
<u>HB1759</u>	RELATING TO THEFT. Creates the offense of organized retail theft. Provides penalties for organized retail theft which are increased based on value of property and leadership roles. Creates an organized retail theft task force.	ECD, JHA
<u>HB1760</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL ILLNESS. Amends the definition of "dangerous to self". Defines the terms "gravely disabled" and "psychiatric deterioration". Broadens the term of "imminently dangerous to self and others". Increases the maximum period of emergency hospitalization.	HLT/HSH, JHA

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<u>HB1761</u>	RELATING TO ELECTION REFORM. Amends various election provisions to increase public access to in-person voting, increase public confidence in elections, and impose accountability in the election certification process. Key features include increased access to voter service centers open on election day, abolition of ranked choice voting, public access to election records, signature verification in the presence of official observers, reform of the mandatory recount process, the use of physical ballots during election audits, and subjecting the chief election officer position to election instead of appointment.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB1762</u>	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING. Establishes a cost-benefit analysis requirement that defines a specific financial impact threshold for administrative rules. Requires legislative action through concurrent resolution to approve an agency's major rule change above the threshold of one million dollars.	LAB, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1763</u>	RELATING TO PENALTIES. Establishes heightened penalties for the offense of bribery under certain circumstances. Increases the penalty for official misconduct from a class C to a class A felony.	JHA
<u>HB1764</u>	RELATING TO THE MUSIC ACCESSIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM. Establishes the Music Accessibility Pilot Program within the Hawaii State Public Library System to expand access to public concerts and musical education throughout the State. Appropriates funds.	CAA, EDN, FIN
<u>HB1765</u>	RELATING TO SPEARFISHING SAFETY. Establishes safety-warning requirements regarding spearfishing. Effective 7/1/2027.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1766</u>	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Requires quarterly rather than annual reporting of all use of restricted use pesticides. Amends the contents of reports to include specific geospatial data and information and increased detail on the amount of restricted use pesticides used. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides. Appropriates funds.	AGR/EEP, FIN

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<u>HB1767</u>	RELATING TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations that issue policies, contracts, plans, or agreements that provide prescription drug coverage to provide coverage for at least one generic opioid antagonist and device.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1768</u>	RELATING TO IMMIGRATION. Prohibits any law enforcement agency or law enforcement official from entering into an agreement under title 8 United States Codes section 1357(g) or any other federal law that permits state or county agencies to engage in immigration enforcement. Prohibits law enforcement agencies or law enforcement officials from engaging in certain immigration-related actions, except under limited circumstances.	JHA
<u>HB1769</u>	RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Requires the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation to incrementally reduce the number of individuals incarcerated in private, out-of-state correctional institutions. Requires reports to the Legislature.	PBS, JHA
<u>HB1770</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS. Requires the Department of Education to establish a School Bus Driver Recruitment Grant Program. Establishes a School Bus Driver Recruitment Special Fund. Establishes a Repayment Signing Bonus Program. Establishes a School Bus Driver Outreach and Pathway Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	EDN, LAB, FIN
<u>HB1771</u>	RELATING TO CARBON OFFSETS. Requires the Department of Transportation to assist and enable a person to voluntarily purchase a verified carbon offset for greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the person's air travel to or from an airport in the State.	TRN, EEP, FIN
<u>HB1772</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Establishes the Small Business Procurement Program and Small Business Procurement Coordinator position permanently in the State Procurement Office. Repeals the Small Business Assistance Initiative established in Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1773</u>	RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removable windshield placard and provides proof of travel.	HLT, JHA

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
HB1774	RELATING TO CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO RESOURCES. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to develop, implement, and maintain a centralized resource website to connect residents to support and resources to address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change.	EEP, WAL, FIN
HB1775	RELATING TO FORECLOSURES. Specifies that a judicial foreclosure sale is not final until the earliest of either fifteen days after the public sale, unless an eligible bidder submits a subsequent bid or written notice of intent to submit a subsequent bid, or forty-five days after the public sale. Requires subsequent successful bidders to make a downpayment.	CPC, JHA
HB1776	RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Requires the Office of Consumer Protection to periodically publish an accessible, multilingual notice of tenant rights. Requires a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of the notice of tenant rights.	CPC, JHA, FIN
HB1777	RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires developers developing a housing project under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to assist certain tenants who are subject to displacement or eviction by the proposed project by: granting those tenants the right of first offer of a comparable unit in the housing project and providing replacement housing payments; providing information, either directly or through a contracted service, on how to obtain assistance and exercise the right of first offer; and establishing procedures to track and maintain communication with those tenants. Establishes consequences for a developer's noncompliance.	HSG, CPC, JHA
HB1778	RELATING TO SCHOOL MODERNIZATION. Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish a school modernization initiative through a capital improvement project planning database for school facilities statewide. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
HB1779	RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS. Expands free school meal coverage, beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, to all Department of Education students regardless of whether the student participates in a federal school meals program.	EDN, FIN

		<u>Committee REFERRAL</u>
<u>HB1780</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION. Requires the Department of Education to establish a student bus fare rate system that includes free bus passes for students whose household qualifies the student for free lunch or reduced price lunch under the free and reduced price lunch program. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1781</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to establish a Numeracy Coaching Program to provide numeracy coaches in certain Department of Education elementary schools, middle schools, and intermediate schools to support teachers, improve instruction, and ensure that students develop a strong foundation in mathematics. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1782</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS. Establishes safeguards, protections, oversight, and penalties for interactions between minors and artificial intelligence companion systems or conversational artificial intelligence services.	ECD, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1783</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES. Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish a pilot program to develop three new public schools in areas based on demonstrated need through public-private partnerships. Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to use public-private partnerships for the development of public school facilities, including facilities at public charter schools. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1784</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Beginning no later than the 2028-2029 school year, requires the Department of Education to administer a dyslexia-sensitive universal screening to all students in kindergarten through grade three. Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, requires certain employees of public schools to have an opportunity to participate in training on literacy instruction. Requires a report to the Legislature and Board of Education before the 2031-2032 school year. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN

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[HB1785](#)

RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION.

EDN, FIN

Authorizes the Department of Education to hire a new contractor if a contractor under a student transportation contract fails to provide service on a contracted route for five or more consecutive instructional days. Requires the Department to assess a penalty if a contractor fails to provide service on a contracted route without an approved justification. Specifies that the assessed penalties be deposited into the school bus fare revolving fund. Authorizes the use of the school bus fare revolving fund to offset costs associated with procuring replacement services.

[HB1786](#)

RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

EDN, FIN

Requires the Department of Education to make available all public school outdoor facilities and grounds on Saturdays and Sundays for public and community use without the need for any license, permit, or deposit of fees, under certain conditions. Requires reports to the Legislature. Repeals on 6/30/2030.

[HB1787](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

HLT, ECD, CPC

Establishes restrictions on the use of artificial intelligence, algorithms, or other software tools for purposes of decision-making in health insurance utilization reviews. Requires a licensed health care provider to review all adverse actions by the health carrier.

[HB1788](#)

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT.

HLT, JHA, FIN

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to establish access to affordable health care as a fundamental right, subject to limitations balancing other essential public services.

[HB1789](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

HLT/HSH, CPC, FIN

Establishes a Health Care for All Hawaii Board to design and recommend the Health Care for All Hawaii plan that is publicly funded and available to every resident of the State. Establishes values and principles for the board in developing its plan, designates the scope of the plan, requires the board to establish an advisory committee to provide consumer perspective input, and requires the board to submit the plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2027.

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REFERRAL**

<u>HB1790</u>	RELATING TO POLICING. Requires law enforcement agencies and police oversight agencies to collect and report certain data regarding law enforcement stops, uses of force, and complaints to the Hawaii Crime Lab affiliated with the University of Hawaii. Requires the Hawaii Crime Lab to collect and publish incident-level information and an annual report on the data collected. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to adopt rules, in coordination with the Hawaii Crime Lab.	HED, JHA, FIN
<u>HB1791</u>	RELATING TO WAREHOUSE WORKERS. Establishes the Warehouse Worker Protection Act. Requires certain warehouse employers to provide written descriptions of quotas to employees and maintain records of quotas and employee work speed data. Protects employees from quotas that would prevent compliance with meal or rest periods or the use of bathroom facilities. Allows employees to request a written description of their quota and employee work speed data. Requires the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the Act.	LAB, JHA
<u>HB1792</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Short form bill relating to housing.	HSG
<u>HB1793</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Short form bill relating to housing.	HSG
<u>HB1794</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Short form bill relating to housing.	HSG
<u>HB1795</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Short form bill relating to housing.	HSG
<u>HB1796</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Short form bill relating to housing.	HSG
<u>HB1797</u>	RELATING TO AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES. Requires an automated vehicle used by a motor carrier to transport passengers commercially to have a human supervisor present in the vehicle. Establishes an income tax credit to incentivize the training of supervisors for autonomous vehicles. Sunsets 12/31/2038.	TRN, CPC, FIN

**Committee
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<u>HB1798</u>	RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES. Establishes the offense of criminal property damage to critical infrastructure facilities as a class C felony. Expands the term "critical infrastructure" to include broadband and cable networks.	ECD, JHA
<u>HB1799</u>	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES. Expands on a county's experimental and demonstration project authority to include the development of commercial projects.	HSG/WAL, FIN
<u>HB1800</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.	FIN
<u>HB1801</u>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to contract with one or more organizations specializing in domestic violence to provide training and on-site staff in Child Welfare Services Branch offices to support all aspects of screening for and addressing domestic violence within a case.	HSH, FIN
<u>HB1802</u>	RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and operate conservation mitigation banks to restore, create, enhance, or preserve species, their habitats, or resources as compensatory mitigation, or for past damages. Authorizes the department to contract with a third-party administrator for the operation of the conservation mitigation banks. Clarifies the sale of credits involved in conservation mitigation banking.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1803</u>	RELATING TO STUDENT HEAT EXPOSURE. Requires the Board of Education to adopt a heat acclimatization and practice policy based on the Hawaii Athletic Trainers Association's Hawaii High School Athletic Association Heat Acclimatization and Practice Policy of 2017 for students in grades kindergarten to twelve in Department of Education schools and public charter schools statewide for certain physical activities. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN

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<u>HB1804</u>	RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING. Establishes a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to examine the feasibility of different financing options for long-term care services and supports. Permits the Commission, through the Legislative Reference Bureau, to contract for services of a part-time project director and prepare proposals for contracts for consultants to support the work of the Commission. Requires the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	HLT, LMG, FIN
<u>HB1805</u>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE. Establishes an independent Office of the Child Advocate within the Office of the Ombudsman to oversee and evaluate the delivery of services to children and their families by various state agencies and entities, receive and investigate complaints, and make recommendations for improvement. Requires annual reports to the Governor, Legislature, and public. Appropriates funds.	LMG, HSH, FIN
<u>HB1806</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM GOVERNANCE. Allows funds from the Condominium Education Trust Fund to be used for education and resources for condominium unit owners as primary stakeholders in condominium governance. Requires the Real Estate Commission to ensure that condominium unit owners are recognized and included as stakeholders in educational programs, consultations, advisory committees, task forces, and police development activities.	CPC, FIN
<u>HB1807</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a high-earners surtax on taxable income for certain taxpayers.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1808</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE THIRTY-THIRD REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the thirty-third representative district.	FIN
<u>HB1809</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS. Authorizes the State and counties to temporarily rehire retired public employees to fill positions identified as unique and critical to government operations.	LAB, FIN

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<u>HB1810</u>	RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION. Requires professional solicitors operating public collection receptacles to solicit donations of non-perishable tangible property who later re-sell the items to deposit funds with charitable organizations within a specified timeframe, provide certain information in financial reports, and prominently disclose certain information on collection receptacles.	ECD, CPC
<u>HB1811</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATOR STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT. Establishes the Educator Student Loan Repayment Program to provide for the repayment of qualified student loans for certain educators in the State. Appropriates funds.	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1812</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes a 5-year Hawaii Builds Pilot Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Authorizes the Corporation to deploy moneys from the dwelling unit revolving fund for predevelopment activities or as active construction equity. Requires 50% of housing units made available under pilot program projects for households having incomes between 60% and 140% of the area median income. Mandates interagency coordination and expedited review for projects to facilitate timely delivery of projects. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031.	HSG, FIN
<u>HB1813</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Amends and repeals certain exemptions under the general excise tax and use tax laws.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1814</u>	RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and enforce vegetation management requirements to prevent wildfires caused by electric utilities.	WAL, JHA, CPC
<u>HB1815</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS. Explicitly applies existing grant standards to Performing Arts Grants Program grants under the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.	CAA, FIN
<u>HB1816</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS. Increases the maximum grant amount for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project. Appropriates funds.	EEP, FIN

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<u>HB1817</u>	RELATING TO PROTECTING HAWAII'S FISHERIES. Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules no later than June 30, 2027, establishing a statewide daily bag limit of ten 'ama'ama per person during the open season.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1818</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. Short form bill relating to public safety.	PBS
<u>HB1819</u>	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS. Short form bill relating to corrections.	PBS
<u>HB1820</u>	RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS. Short form bill relating to military affairs.	PBS
<u>HB1821</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS. Short form bill relating to veterans.	PBS
<u>HB1822</u>	RELATING TO EMERGENCIES. Short form bill relating to emergencies.	PBS
<u>HB1823</u>	RELATING TO THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT. Amends the definition of "development," as it pertains to coastal zone management, to clarify that certain activities are excluded from the definition of "development" and are not subject to special management area permit requirements and to exempt state- or county-sponsored infrastructure improvement projects that are consistent with the applicable county's community plans.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1824</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. Allows small condominium associations to waive the requirement for the reserve study to be reviewed by an independent reserve study preparer every three years if a majority of unit owners at a meeting approve the waiver and complies with other requirements.	CPC
<u>HB1825</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD. Permits the Department of Education and charter schools to hire unlicensed individuals as teachers on an emergency basis for five, rather than three, years. Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to adopt rules.	EDN, LAB, CPC
<u>HB1826</u>	RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS. Appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught.	AGR, FIN

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<u>HB1827</u>	RELATING TO USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE. Lowers the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while under the influence of alcohol from .08 to .05 or more grams of alcohol to reduce impaired driving and fatal crashes.	TRN, JHA
<u>HB1828</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS. For purposes of permissible uses in agricultural districts, establishes minimum requirements for income received from agricultural activity for a family occupying a farm dwelling. Provides that the definition of a "farm dwelling" includes agricultural activity that is considered a farming operation under section 165-2, HRS, and is conducted on more than 50 per cent of the entire lot.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1829</u>	RELATING TO MARINE AFFAIRS. Declares that the State is an ocean cluster. Establishes the Office of Marine Affairs under the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for administrative purposes only. Establishes the Marine Affairs Coordinator position. Requires the Marine Affairs Coordinator to submit annual reports to the Governor and Legislature. Transfers the employees and functions of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Marine Affairs to the Office of Marine Affairs. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Marine Affairs Coordinator position.	ECD, WAL, FIN
<u>HB1830</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop an online reporting tool through which users may report their restricted use pesticide usage. Appropriates funds to convert temporary Environmental Health Specialist III positions into permanent positions.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB1831</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Authorizes and provides funding for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, in coordination with relevant state agencies, to identify and resolve survey deficiencies and wastewater compliance issues on non-agricultural park lands. Appropriates moneys.	AGR/EEP, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB1832](#)

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.

Requires establishment of a biological aquatic risk-based framework for assessment and approval of aquatic livestock importation and movement. Authorizes the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules implementing species risk categorization, tiered biocontainment standards, per-arrival disease testing, and interagency coordination procedures. Establishes an interagency working group. Requires development of species-specific risk matrices, interagency working group coordination with automatic permit approval timelines, and performance accountability. Establishes an implementation timeline. Appropriates moneys.

AGR, FIN

[HB1833](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

Implements the Condominium Property Regime Task Force recommendations.

CPC, JHA, FIN

[HB1834](#)

RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES.

Requires common interest community proxy forms to include certain language related to the selection options for proxies.

CPC

[HB1835](#)

RELATING TO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Expands the definition of condominium association to include associations organized under chapter 421J, HRS.

CPC

[HB1836](#)

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawaii to provide grants for the contracting of a private water company for the facilitation and installation of fire hydrants.

PBS, WAL, FIN

[HB1837](#)

RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM.

For taxable years beginning 1/1/2027, increases the maximum annual deduction for contributions to, and maximum account levels for, individual housing accounts.

HSG, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[HB1838](#)

RELATING TO VISAS.

Establishes uniform statewide requirements for policies and processes for the issuance of U and T visa certifications for noncitizen victims of crime that are consistent with federal laws and regulations governing U and T visas. Requires each state and county certifying entity to adopt a policy and process for the issuance of U and T visa certifications, consistent with those statewide requirements. Appropriate funds for the Department of the Attorney General to provide training to state and county certifying entities so that the policies and processes comply with all federal requirements. Appropriates funds to the Department of the Attorney General for the training.

ECD, JHA, FIN

[HB1839](#)

RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.

Requires state and county law enforcement agencies to notify an individual in the custody of a state or county law enforcement agency of their rights before any interview with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement pertaining to certain matters regarding civil immigration violations can commence. Designates all records relating to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to detained individuals provided by a state or local law enforcement agency as public records. Requires state and county law enforcement agencies that have provided the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to a detained individual within the previous year to hold two public forums per year.

ECD, JHA

[HB1840](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to develop an alternative pathway for a visiting international educator permit aligned to the duration of the educator's J-1 visa program. Repeals 6/30/2031.

EDN, CPC

[HB1841](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

Implements the Condominium Property Regime Task Force recommendations.

CPC, JHA, FIN

[HB1842](#)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Amends Act 289, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, to replace the Senior Residence at Iwilei parcel with the Westridge parcel, change the transfer date for the Alii Tower parcel to 12/31/2026, changes the deadline for approval by the City and County of Honolulu to 12/31/2027, and changes the repeal date to 1/1/2028.

HSG, WAL, FIN