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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

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<u>HB1843</u>	RELATING TO TAX CREDITS. Requires that income tax credits existing on 12/31/2026 include a sunset on 12/31/2030. Requires that income tax credits established or renewed after 12/31/2026 include a sunset 7 years after the date of enactment or renewal of the tax credit. Provides for exceptions.	ECD, EEP, FIN
<u>HB1844</u>	RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION. Requires the Land Use Commission to reclassify lands that are designated for urban growth under a county general plan or county development plan as being in the urban district at the request of the county.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1845</u>	RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION. Specifies that a simple majority of affirmative votes of the members of the Land Use Commission present at a meeting and qualified to vote is required for any boundary amendment.	WAL, JHA

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<u>HB1846</u>	RELATING TO REGIONAL SHORELINE MITIGATION DISTRICTS. Authorizes the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to approve the establishment of regional shoreline mitigation districts to facilitate regional coordination by shoreline property owners to address coastal erosion. Requires the preparation of a regional coastal erosion and sediment management plan for each regional shoreline mitigation district. Establishes procedures for the review of state and county permits associated with regional shoreline mitigation districts. Establishes the support and integration of regional coastline erosion and sediment management planning as a policy under the coastal zone management program. Appropriates moneys and establishes 1.0 FTE temporary position.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB1847</u>	RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Establishes the Banyan Drive Community Development District and the Banyan Drive Community Development District Special Fund. Specifies the powers and duties of the Hawaii Community Development Authority as it relates to the new development district.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB1848</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE. Requires any petitioner for a district boundary amendment to obtain certification from the Commission on Water Resources Management that enough water is available for the project needs without causing harm to the relevant aquifers and provide that certification to the Land Use Commission.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB1849</u>	RELATING TO LICENSING. Removes the barrier requiring applicants for professional or vocational licensing to be United States citizens, United States nationals, or persons with work visas. Allows applicants to provide individual tax identification numbers in lieu of social security numbers if all other requirements are met.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1850</u>	RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS TAX. Increases the capital gains tax rate for individuals, estates, and trusts to nine per cent. Increases the alternative capital gains tax for corporations to five per cent.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1851</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an apprenticeship program income tax credit for certain qualified costs incurred by a qualified apprenticeship program. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025.	LAB, ECD, FIN

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<u>HB1852</u>	RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS. Allows the killing of feral chickens. Exempts feral chickens from definition of "wild birds". Exempts killing of feral chickens from the offense of cruelty to animals.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB1853</u>	RELATING TO DEMENTIA. Establishes the Hanai Memory Network Program within the Executive Office on Aging to create a network of dementia care specialists and support systems to assist individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Appropriates funds.	HLT/HSH, FIN
<u>HB1854</u>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS. Establishes the Community Behavioral Health Clinic Certifying Office to certify community behavioral health clinics and provide technical assistance for clinics seeking certification. Establishes the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Oversight Board. Establishes the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Special Fund. Amends the composition of the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances and State Council on Mental Health to include a member from the Community Behavioral Health Clinic Certifying Office. Appropriates funds.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB1855</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes a framework for the creation of the Hawaii Violent Death Reporting System, to be federally funded, for the purposes of collecting information and data on violent deaths in the State. Appropriates funds.	HLT, FIN
<u>HB1856</u>	RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. Repeals statutory language that currently authorizes the Department of Law Enforcement to: (1) inspect a qualifying medical cannabis patient's medical records held by the health provider who issued a written certification for the qualifying patient; and (2) suspend or revoke a health provider's ability to issue written certification for medical cannabis if the provider refuses the foregoing inspection, or if the medical records do not comply with the medical use of cannabis law.	HLT, JHA

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[HB1857](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Establishes a broad definition of "qualified health care provider" in numerous areas of existing law. Clarifies and standardizes references to specific health care providers. Updates outdated language to reflect correct terminology. Makes numerous clarifying and conforming amendments to support these changes, including but not limited to chapters related to health, education, insurance, professions and vocations, the pain patient's bill of rights, the Uniform Probate Code, minors, the Child Protective Act, and the Penal Code. Repeals the obsolete Hawaii Health Corps.

HLT, CPC, JHA

[HB1858](#)

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS.

Amends the various requirements in the event of a fetal death, including registration of certain fetal deaths, filing and preparation of a certificate of fetal death, and issuance of a permit for removal, burial, or other disposition.

HLT, JHA

[HB1859](#)

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Requires the Workforce Development Council to recommend to the Governor, a comprehensive Statewide Workforce Strategy to inclusion in the State Unified Plan and be responsible for facilitating the alignment of workforce development efforts and programs conducted by state departments and agencies to achieve the State Unified Plan and the Comprehensive Statewide Workforce Strategy.

LAB, ECD, FIN

[HB1860](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Designates the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.

CAA, FIN

[HB1861](#)

RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.

Authorizes counties to sell property through non-judicial foreclosure as a way to collect unpaid civil fines, subject to certain conditions.

WAL, JHA

[HB1862](#)

RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY.

Exempts individuals and establishments that offer only foot, hand, and outer ear manipulation from massage therapy licensure requirements and related advertising restrictions.

CPC

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<u>HB1863</u>	RELATING TO AN HONORARY AMBASSADOR TO CANADA. Establishes an honorary ambassador to Canada position within the Business Development and Support Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates funds.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1864</u>	RELATING TO INSURANCE. For policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after 12/31/2026, requires insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services for persons undergoing medically necessary treatment that may cause iatrogenic infertility.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1865</u>	RELATING TO STAFFING STANDARDS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. Requires each hospital to establish a Hospital Registered Nurse Staffing Committee by 9/1/2026. Requires the Staffing Committee to adopt and file a Staffing Committee Charter with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations by 1/1/2027. Requires the Department to develop a Hospital Registered Nurse Staffing Plan Form by 1/1/2027. Requires each Staffing Committee to adopt and file a Staffing Plan, including minimum registered nurse staffing standards, with the Department by 7/1/2027, and annually thereafter. Requires hospitals to implement their Staffing Plan by 7/1/2027, and post the Staffing Plan and staffing schedules in publicly accessible areas. Requires Staffing Committees to receive, review, evaluate, and respond to reports and complaints regarding deviations from the Staffing Plan. Establishes a variance process allowing hospitals to temporarily deviate from their minimum registered nurse staffing standards. Establishes an enforcement framework to be administered by the Department, including review of Staffing Plans, complaint investigations, administrative appeals, and civil penalties for violations. Prohibits retaliation against certain persons who report staffing concerns or participate in enforcement proceedings. Increases the membership of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board to include three elected officers or governing board members of a labor organization representing registered nurses in the State. Requires the Center for Nursing to develop and maintain an online dashboard of staffing standards recommended by certain professional specialty organizations. Requires the Department to adopt rules. Appropriates funds.	HLT/LAB, JHA, FIN

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[HB1866](#)

RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS.

Authorizes the counties to require contractors to disclose information regarding its 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.

WAL, LAB, JHA

[HB1867](#)

RELATING TO SAFETY AT HOME.

Clarifies that a person who uses deadly force in self-defense does not have a duty to retreat if they are in their dwelling or on their property, unless they are the initial aggressor. Repeals statutory language that permits a person to use deadly force at their place of work.

JHA

[HB1868](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Part II: Establishes a Working Group to revise the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's Qualified Allocation Plan and propose revisions to the prioritization of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and the terms of loans made from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Part III: Requires the HHFDC to make certain revisions to the 2026 Qualified Allocation Plan. Part IV: Prohibits the HHFDC from allocating Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or moneys from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to projects without a perpetual affordability commitment.

HSG, FIN

[HB1869](#)

RELATING TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA.

Establishes a statewide system for collecting, auditing, and publicly releasing of de-identified hospital discharge data. Requires the State Health Planning and Development Agency to convene a working group. Appropriates funds.

HLT, CPC, FIN

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[HB1870](#)

RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS.
Establishes statewide standards for state and county agencies, officers, and employees, and recipients of state funds, to limit participation in civil immigration enforcement in or near protected community locations that provide state-funded services related to education, physical or mental health, social services such as shelter care or food assistance, or access to justice, including schools, health care facilities, libraries, shelters, and places of worship. Requires the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii State Public Library System, and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to adopt and post written policies, provide annual staff training, and maintain data privacy protections. Appropriates funds for implementation by the Attorney General.

ECD, JHA, FIN

[HB1871](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH.

HLT, FIN

Establishes the Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program within the Department of Health to offer eligible participants improved maternal health care through remote patient monitoring for maternal hypertension and maternal diabetes. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.

[HB1872](#)

RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

HED/EDN, LAB, FIN

Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

[HB1873](#)

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

HED, JHA

Requires members of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to attend a governance training within twelve months of appointment and every two years thereafter. Exempts strategic planning retreats of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii from open meeting requirements if certain conditions are met. Requires the Candidate Advisory Council to ensure that all candidates presented to the Governor for nomination have certain subject matter experience and are not registered lobbyists who have lobbied on matters pertaining to the University of Hawaii. Requires the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, in collaboration with the Candidate Advisory Council, to submit annual reports to the Legislature.

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<u>HB1874</u>	RELATING TO PLANT-BASED FOOD AND DRINKS. Requires the Departments of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Accounting and General Services, and Health to establish a Plant-Based-By-Default Program for food and drinks offered at state-operated prisons, state-licensed hospitals, and government-sponsored events. Requires annual reports to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.	LAB, HLT, FIN
<u>HB1875</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Expands the protections established under Act 2, SLH 2023, to include gender-affirming health care services, including clarifying permitted disclosures of protected health information to address changes in federal regulations. Establishes protections against abusive litigation. Prohibits medical malpractice insurers and health carriers from taking certain adverse actions against health care providers solely on the basis that the health care provider provides lawful reproductive health care services or gender-affirming care services.	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1876</u>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH. Amends the existing prohibition on conversion therapy by prohibiting the practice on persons of all ages and the advertisement of such practice. Explicitly provides that talk therapy in the form of pure speech is exempt from the prohibition on conversion therapy. Takes effect upon the certification by the Attorney General that the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned the holding in Chiles v. Salazar, 116 F.4th 1178 (10th Cir. 2024).	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1877</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION. Expands the membership of the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission from eight voting members to eleven.	HSH, JHA
<u>HB1878</u>	RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION. 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.	LAB, EDN, JHA

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[HB1879](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

Establishes within the Department of Transportation a fare-free youth transit program, to be coordinated with the counties. Establishes a fare-free youth transit program special fund. Requires biannual evaluations of the new program and special fund. Allocates moneys from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to the fare-free youth transit program special fund. Appropriates moneys into and out of the fare-free youth transit program special fund. Requires reports to the Legislature.

TRN, HSH, FIN

[HB1880](#)

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the use or application of a pesticide containing 1,3-dichloropropene as an active ingredient, such as Telone.

AGR/EEP, CPC,
JHA

[HB1881](#)

RELATING TO LAND USE.

Prohibits passenger ropeways on mountain lands within all land use districts.

WAL, JHA

[HB1882](#)

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

Exempts motorcycles and passenger cars from safety inspections.

TRN, JHA

[HB1883](#)

RELATING TO EPINEPHRINE.

Beginning 1/1/2027, authorizes county lifeguards providing services at a county or state beach park to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to render emergency care to another person. Requires the counties to approve training providers and establish standards for the use and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors. Establishes requirements for health care providers to issue prescriptions for, and pharmacists to dispense, epinephrine auto-injectors to counties or county life guards. Establishes certain limitations of liability.

HLT/LAB, WAL,
JHA

[HB1884](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Requires the installation of leading pedestrian intervals, accessible pedestrian signals, and other safety improvements, as necessary, at state-owned or operated pedestrian signal heads. Requires the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the counties, to develop a program that allows pedestrians and community members to request the installation of accessible pedestrian signals at specific intersections. Appropriates funds.

TRN, FIN

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<u>HB1885</u>	RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT. Prohibits a state agency from entering into any contract to procure or dispose of goods or services, or for construction, with any business that is owned or operated, or in which a controlling interest is held, by a relative or household member of a director or deputy director of a principal state department.	JHA, FIN
<u>HB1886</u>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. Establishes provisions regarding state and federal collaboration. Establishes identification and facial coverings standards for state and federal law enforcement officers. Specifies that when federal law enforcement officers arrest a person without a warrant, that it is done so in their personal capacity.	ECD, JHA
<u>HB1887</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LITERACY EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide Artificial Intelligence Literacy Curricula Plan for students in eleventh and twelfth grades, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year as a condition for graduation. Establishes the Advisory Council for Artificial Intelligence Education. Establishes a three-year Artificial Intelligence Education Grant Pilot Program within the Department of Education. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	EDN, ECD, FIN
<u>HB1888</u>	RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS. Requires the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain steps to report incidents of harassment and implement procedures for handling harassment of educational workers.	EDN, LAB, JHA
<u>HB1889</u>	RELATING TO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS. Creates a School Psychologists Working Group within the Department of Education to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation for an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2027. Requires a report to the Legislature.	EDN, CPC
<u>HB1890</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5) and subject to the availability of funds, provides annual salary step increases for public school teachers who have completed one year's satisfactory service and comply with specified requirements.	EDN, LAB, FIN

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<u>HB1891</u>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to implement dyslexia sensitive linguistically appropriate universal screenings and evidence-based interventions, offer professional development on structured literacy and evidenced-based interventions, and support pre-teacher programs in training candidates in structured literacy instruction. Appropriates funds.</p>	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1892</u>	<p>RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. Requires the exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) to appoint to the Board of Education a nonvoting public school teacher representative. Authorizes the nonvoting public school teacher representative to participate in all Board of Education meetings and enter into executive sessions, except in certain matters related to collective bargaining negotiations or personnel matters that may pose a conflict of interest.</p>	EDN, LAB, JHA
<u>HB1893</u>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Clarifies that public charter school teachers are eligible for incentives under the Teacher National Board Certification Incentive Program. Increases the bonus per year for each public school teacher and public charter school teacher who maintains current national board certification from \$5,000 to \$10,000.</p>	EDN, LAB, FIN
<u>HB1894</u>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to include the instruction of braille and provision of braille instructional materials under certain circumstances; provide braille literacy support services; cooperate with the Department of Human Services when requested to submit information necessary to maintain a register of the blind in the State; provide comprehensive information about braille literacy services, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services, including educational programming options; and participate in the development of section 504 plans and individualized education programs.</p>	EDN, FIN
<u>HB1895</u>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL WORKERS. Includes the disruption or interference with the administration or functions of any school, school administration office, or school board in the offense of harassment. Elevates the penalty for harassment to a misdemeanor when the recipient is an educational worker.</p>	EDN, JHA
<u>HB1896</u>	<p>RELATING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support community schools.</p>	EDN, FIN

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<u>HB1897</u>	RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. Amends the conditions and procedures of alternative dispute resolution methods for condominium-related disputes, including the use of evaluative mediation or binding arbitration.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1898</u>	RELATING TO HEALTH. Clarifies that the Department of Health is to presume both the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services constitute the prevailing medical standard for child health supervision services for purposes of health insurance coverage.	HLT, CPC
<u>HB1899</u>	RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT. Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychologists when patients are located in compact states other than the state where the psychologist is licensed. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the compact.	HLT, CPC, JHA
<u>HB1900</u>	RELATING TO REMEDIES. Clarifies the applicability of the statute of repose for actions arising from construction defects. Repeals the two-year limitation for actions arising from construction defects. Clarifies the required contents of a notice of claim of construction defect served on a contractor. Specifies that claimants must comply with the Contractor Repair Act and bars persons from joining a class for failure to comply with the Contractor Repair Act. Amends the process and time frame for a claimant to accept a contractor's offer to settle or inspect. Limits the amount a claimant can recover if the claimant rejects a contractor's reasonable proposal for inspection or a reasonable offer to remedy. Clarifies the consequences of rejecting an offer of settlement.	CPC, JHA
<u>HB1901</u>	RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES. Authorizes liquor sold through a Class 10 license to be consumed on or off premises, under certain conditions.	CPC

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<u>HB1902</u>	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Prohibits a procurement officer from disclosing a competing offeror's proposal or evaluation score, except the summary of scores, to a non-selected offeror until after any protest is resolved and the contract is executed.	FIN
<u>HB1903</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII SPACE COMMISSION. Establishes the Hawaii Space Commission within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to promote innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace. Appropriates moneys.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1904</u>	RELATING TO SPACE OPERATIONS. Establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism the Hawaii Orbital Sustainability and Space Traffic Board and orbital tracking and traffic management system. Establishes registration and compliance standards for aerospace activities in state airspace. Authorizes the awarding of research, education, and workforce development grants. Requires compliance with the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act and historic preservation requirements, and Native Hawaiian cultural consultation. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.	ECD, FIN
<u>HB1905</u>	RELATING TO MARITIME DAY. Designates May 22 of each year as Maritime Day.	CAA, JHA