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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>SB17, SD2</u>	RELATING TO WILDFIRE MITIGATION. Establishes the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group. Requires a report to the Legislature. Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to provide administrative support to the working group. Appropriates funds. Revises the appropriations made by Act 302, SLH 2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, FIN
<u>SB608, SD2</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS. Regulates persons receiving compensation for providing advice or assistance regarding veterans benefits. Effective 7/1/2077. (SD2)	PBS, CPC, JHA

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REFERRAL**

[SB709, SD2](#)

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

Requires the Department of Health to respond to reports of persons with severe mental illness who need assistance, assess whether they meet criteria for assisted community treatment, and coordinate the assisted community treatment order process when appropriate. Provides that denial of a petition for involuntary commitment serves as notice to DOH to evaluate the individual for assisted community treatment. Requires the Director of Law Enforcement to adopt rules establishing training and certification standards and procedures for crisis intervention officers. Clarifies the scope of treatment permitted under assisted community treatment orders. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation, filing, and presentation of requests for court or administrative authorization to provide treatment over a patient's objection. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

HSH/HLT, JHA

[SB847, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS.

Establishes a pilot program in the County of Kauai to allow qualified psychologists limited authority to prescribe psychotropic medications to patients under the care of the psychologist in certain circumstances. Requires the Board of Psychology to adopt rules. Requires the State Health Planning and Development Agency to report to the Legislature. (SD2)

HLT, CPC

[SB874, SD2](#)

RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Requires veterinarians to provide a written prescription, upon the request of a client, for any animal patient of a client with whom the veterinarian has established an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship, to be filled at the pharmacy of the client's choosing. Allows pharmacies licensed in the State to dispense medications prescribed by veterinarians. Authorizes the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine to establish penalties, which may include fines or suspension or revocation of a license. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR, CPC

[SB888, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Prohibits operators of smart household security devices from sharing user data with law enforcement agencies unless the user consents or the law enforcement agency obtains a judicial warrant. Prohibits operators from requiring users to consent to share data with law enforcement agencies to use a smart household security device. Allows the Department of the Attorney General or the Office of Consumer Protection to bring a civil action against operators who violate certain requirements and establishes statutory penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

CPC, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB1163, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PRIVACY.

Prohibits the sale of geolocation information and internet browser information without consent. Prohibits the sale of data collected through eavesdropping or through an application operating in the background of a device that uses the device's microphone. Establishes exemptions for lawful investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies, customer proprietary network information, and certain telecommunication carriers. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)

CPC, JHA

[SB2001, SD1](#)

RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

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

WAL, FIN

[SB2002, SD2](#)

RELATING TO WATER.

Allows the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent counsel. Repeals the First Deputy to the Chairperson of CWRM. Establishes the Executive Director of the CWRM. Administratively attaches the CWRM to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Authorizes members of CWRM to be eligible to serve as chairperson. Requires the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of Health to serve as ex officio voting members who are ineligible to serve as chairperson. Adds one member to the nominating committee for CWRM, to be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Authorizes entities to whom an emergency order is directed to challenge the order under certain conditions. Clarifies the notification requirements of declarations of water shortages. Establishes fines. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

WAL, JHA, FIN

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SB2003, SD2	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. Provides for the repeal of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and reversion of management authority over Mauna Kea lands to the University of Hawaii if the timelines specified in Act 255, SLH 2022, are not met. Establishes a deadline of 7/1/2030 for the transfer of appropriations, records, equipment, and other property to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority. Authorizes the Authority to extend existing leases and subleases for up to an additional 10-year term. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, HED, JHA
SB2006, SD2	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. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	HSG/WAL, AGR, JHA
SB2009, SD2	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Requires new number plates and tags or emblems for used motor vehicles transferred between private individuals. 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 for applicable agencies for every vehicle transfer by 7/1/2028. (SD2)	TRN, JHA
SB2010, SD2	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. Authorizes the impoundment of motor vehicles when certain traffic violations have been alleged or committed. Provides that if a law enforcement officer lawfully stops a motor vehicle and the operator is cited for driving without a valid license, the officer shall not permit the operator to resume the use of the motor vehicle. Requires the motor vehicle to be moved by a licensed driver or towed at the owner's expense. Provides that the cited operator is responsible for arranging the operator's transportation from the scene of the stop. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	TRN, JHA
SB2022, SD1	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES. Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code. Authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every 5 years from 2031 to 2046. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, JHA

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<u>SB2024, SD2</u>	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES. Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to use public-private partnerships for the development of public school facilities, including facilities at public charter schools. 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. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	EDN, FIN
<u>SB2026, SD2</u>	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. Requires drivers of vehicles approaching stationary motor vehicles stopped in any location on the roadway, shoulder, or roadside to slow down and make a lane change if necessary. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	TRN, JHA
<u>SB2031, SD2</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Makes it an unfair or deceptive act or practice for businesses to: offer, display, or advertise the price of live-ticket events or short-term lodging without clearly and conspicuously disclosing the total price; and misrepresent any fees or charges in any offer, display, or advertisement for the sale of live-event tickets or short-term lodging. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	CPC
<u>SB2032, SD2</u>	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. (SD2)	EEP, CPC
<u>SB2046, SD2</u>	RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS. Requires an owner or operator of an underground storage tank or tank system with a confirmed release to meet certain standards for the restoration of the environment. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	EEP, WAL, JHA

**Committee
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[SB2047, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS.
Establishes requirements for pharmacy benefit managers that reimburse contracting pharmacies for drugs on a maximum allowable cost basis, including maximum allowable cost lists, maximum allowable cost reports, and a complaint process. Requires pharmacy benefit managers to disclose lower-priced equivalent drugs when a maximum allowable cost is upheld on appeal. Allows contracting pharmacies to reverse and rebill claims if a maximum allowable cost is denied on appeal. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules and assess fines for violations. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)

HLT, CPC, FIN

[SB2053, SD2](#)

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 7/1/2050. (SD2)

TRN, CPC

[SB2054, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
Prohibits the Hawaii National Guard from deploying to assist federal troops, federal law enforcement, or the national guard of any other state operating in Hawaii when the Governor has objected to the deployments. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

PBS, JHA

[SB2057, SD2](#)

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
Prohibits law enforcement officers from using any personnel or funds originating in the State to assist or facilitate conduct by federal immigration agents that is for the purposes of civil immigration enforcement or exceeds their law enforcement duty or authority. Prohibits law enforcement officers from assisting or cooperating with or allowing resources to be used to facilitate federal immigration agents engaged in operations with the purpose of civil immigration enforcement or that target individuals or entities for activities protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or immigration enforcement operations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

ECD, JHA, FIN

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[SB2061, SD2](#)

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS.

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. (SD2)

HSG, CPC

[SB2078, SD1](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Clarifies that rules adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to section 190-3, HRS, may regulate aquarium fish permits. Establishes a criminal penalty and monetary fines for aquarium fishing violations. Clarifies that each fish or aquatic life specimen taken in violation of certain fishing laws regarding aquarium fish and the possession and use of prohibited explosives, electrofishing devices, and poisonous substances constitutes a separate offense. (SD1)

WAL, JHA

[SB2080, SD1](#)

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. Implementation effective January 1, 2028. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD1)

HLT, CPC, JHA

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[SB2087, SD2](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

Establishes a three-year Health Coverage Continuity Pilot Program to be administered by the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to subsidize the cost of certain health insurance deductibles for eligible individuals. Authorizes the Department 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 operation of the Pilot Program. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2029. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HSH, CPC, FIN

[SB2088, SD1](#)

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. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)

LAB, CPC, FIN

[SB2089, SD1](#)

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. Effective 1/30/2050. Implementation begins 7/1/2028 after approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (SD1)

HSH, CPC

[SB2090](#)

RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.

Allows licensed mental health counselors to be appointed as child custody evaluators.

HSH, JHA

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[SB2096, SD2](#)

RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.

Requires certain wastewater treatment works to test sewage sludge and any other residual material for the presence of PFAS. Requires the Department of Health to adopt administrative rules for the monitoring, sampling, testing, and data collection of sewage sludge and other residual material that contain specific amounts of PFAS. Prohibits the issuance or renewal of permits if testing yields PFAS in sewage sludge or other residual material on land used for agronomic purposes, on land where drainage tiles have been installed, on land that drains into waters of the State, or land in a 500-year floodplain. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

EEP, WAL, JHA

[SB2100, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Requires quarterly rather than annual reporting of certain uses 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. Exempts wood preservative pesticides from reporting requirements. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR/EEP, FIN

[SB2102, SD2](#)

RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

Beginning 7/1/2026, authorizes the use of hemp-derived feed ingredients in certain commercial animal feeds. Authorizes the use of hemp and hemp-derived feed ingredients in commercial feed for livestock. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR, CPC

[SB2103, SD2](#)

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to use consistent units of measurement in its summary to the public on the amounts of restricted use pesticides applied. Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes a one-half mile buffer zone for pesticides around schools during normal school hours and state and county public parks. Establishes certain exemptions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR/EEP, CPC

**Committee
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[SB2108, SD1](#)

RELATING TO JURISDICTION.

HSH, JHA

Amends the factors a family court is required to consider in deciding whether the court may waive jurisdiction over a minor or adult held for criminal proceedings. Preserves the family court's jurisdiction over a minor transferred for criminal proceedings for subsequent acts that would otherwise be within the family court's jurisdiction. Requires the family court to retain jurisdiction over a minor if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the minor was trafficked, sexually abused, or raped by the alleged victim in the case before or during the commission of the alleged offense. (SD1)

[SB2109, SD2](#)

RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COMMUNICATIONS.

PBS, FIN

Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop and implement a statewide public education and communications program to promote household emergency preparedness consistent with the Agency's 14-day essential supplies recommendation. 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 the Governor or mayor of a county to provide a standardized pool feed that includes the American Sign Language interpreter in a picture-in-picture window not less than one quarter the size of the primary video and not blocked or covered by captions, graphics, or other on-screen text. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB2114, SD2](#)

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, unless prohibited by the applicable collective bargaining agreement. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)

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SB2117, SD1	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. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	LAB, FIN
SB2128, SD2	RELATING TO TRESPASS. Provides that any firearm or motor vehicle possessed and used by a person who hunts on private land without the permission of the owner or occupier of the land shall be forfeited to the State pursuant to chapter 712A, HRS. Authorizes a court to reduce the penalty from forfeiture to a fine of a certain amount for a first offense. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, JHA
SB2135, SD2	RELATING TO PRIVACY. Establishes the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of an intimate image. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)	JHA
SB2140, SD1	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. Establishes a process by which an owner or developer may replace a noncompliant contractor and transfer the building permit to the replacement contractor. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	LAB, JHA
SB2143, SD1	RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER. Establishes an order of succession for an Interim Chief Election Officer in the event of a vacancy in the position of Chief Election Officer until the Elections Commission appoints a new Chief Election Officer. (SD1)	JHA
SB2145	RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. Establishes the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Establishes a private right of action for any violation of the right to record law enforcement activities.	JHA
SB2147, SD1	RELATING TO LOVE MY LIBRARY DAY. Designates the first Friday in February of each year as "Love My Library Day" in the State. (SD1)	CAA, JHA

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SB2149, SD1	RELATING TO FAMILY. Establishes an exemption from mediation in parentage proceedings where there are allegations of domestic abuse. Clarifies the exemption from mediation in divorce proceedings as it relates to domestic abuse. (SD1)	HSH, JHA
SB2151, SD2	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies state and local authority during a state or local state of emergency. Defines "severe weather warning". Allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency and county councils to terminate a local state of emergency. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	PBS, JHA
SB2153, SD2	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop and adopt a multi-tiered, matrix-based assessment framework to develop definitions for the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity" to be codified into the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires the Board to collaborate with stakeholders to draft the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity". Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, FIN
SB2155, SD1	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Requires the Department of Health to amend its administrative rules to: (1) Set the maximum number of dwellings and dwelling units that may be connected to a single individual wastewater system to five dwellings and dwelling units; and (2) Set the maximum number of bedrooms that may be connected to a single individual wastewater system to six bedrooms. (SD1)	HSG, EEP, JHA
SB2161, SD1	RELATING TO LAND USE. Authorizes plant and animal sanctuaries with ancillary functions and related support and visitor facilities, rodeos, and rodeo activities on lands that are zoned for agricultural use. Requires the applicable department that owns, manages, controls, or leases the land used for rodeos or rodeo activities to adopt rules to restrict the scale of rodeo activities. Defines the terms "rodeo or rodeo activities" and "plant and animal sanctuaries". Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, CAA, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2169, SD1	<p>RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.</p> <p>Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by condemnation any real property or interest in real property, under certain conditions. Prohibits any real property acquired by the Corporation by condemnation from subsequently being transferred or taken for any other public use without the Corporation's consent. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	AGR, JHA
SB2174, SD2	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to declare an emergency quarantine when it has been reasonably determined that there is a threat to agriculture or the environment in the State. Authorizes the Department to halt operations related to or within the affected area for ninety-six hours, subject to extension by vote of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Authorizes the Department to quarantine any business or other area that is known or reasonably suspected to be infested or infected with any pest. Requires the Department to provide certain notices to affected farmers and provide compensation. Authorizes the Department to establish interim rules governing the transportation of any material into and within the State known to harbor or transport a high-impact invasive species or pest. (SD2)</p>	AGR, JHA
SB2175, SD2	<p>RELATING TO DISPOSABLE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.</p> <p>Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits selling, offering for sale, or distributing certain disposable electronic smoking devices. (SD2)</p>	HLT, CPC
SB2177, SD2	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING.</p> <p>Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a county to accept a complete application seeking certain exemptions within 30 days. Requires HHFDC to process an application and bring it before the Corporation's Board of Directors within 120 days of accepting the application. Requires county agencies to process an application and bring it before the county's legislative body within 120 days of accepting the application. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	HSG, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2178, SD1](#)

RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP.
Establishes an Industrial Hemp Program in the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity that includes education and support for non-cannabinoid industrial hemp cultivation and use. Establishes the Industrial Hemp Program Advisory Board to develop a strategic plan to establish and expand the processing infrastructure and commercialization of industrial hemp. Requires the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience to support research and development focused on local adaptation, sustainability, and economic development goals. Requires DAB to promote partnerships with Native Hawaiian practitioners, cooperatives, and aina-based programs. Adopts state building codes for hemp-based materials, including hempcrete. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR/WAL, JHA,
FIN

[SB2189, SD1](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
Repeals requirement that the Chairperson of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors be a public member. Repeals the prohibition on certain members of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors from serving as Chairperson. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)

HSG/ECD, JHA,
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[SB2190, SD2](#)

RELATING TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING.
Prohibits any law, ordinance, or rule from imposing an inclusionary zoning requirement on housing offered exclusively for sale or rent in perpetuity to buyers or renters who are residents of the State, are owner-occupants or renters, and do not own any other real property. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

HSG, WAL, JHA

[SB2192, SD1](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.
Authorizes a county to reduce the number of housing units that may be built within any geographical area of the county only if the county increases the number of housing units that may be built elsewhere in the county, such that there is no net loss in residential capacity in the county. (SD1)

HSG, WAL, JHA

[SB2239, SD1](#)

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.
Requires a person who applies for an identification card or driver's license to be automatically registered to vote unless the person affirmatively declines. Requires the name and address of a person who applies for an identification card or driver's license and is registered to vote to be automatically updated on the person's voter registration record unless the person affirmatively declines. (SD1)

JHA, FIN

**Committee
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<u>SB2240, SD2</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE. Requires any petitioner for a district boundary amendment to obtain a written statement from the Commission on Water Resources Management on water availability in the hydrologic unit or units where the parcel is located and provide that certification to the Land Use Commission. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, JHA
<u>SB2246, SD1</u>	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES. Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements. Effective 7/1/2027. (SD1)	LAB, JHA
<u>SB2248, SD2</u>	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES. Expands the scope of persons who are required to file financial disclosures to include gubernatorial nominees subject to Senate confirmation. Makes technical amendments relating to legislators. (SD2)	LMG, JHA
<u>SB2249, SD1</u>	RELATING TO BRIBERY. Establishes heightened penalties for the offense of bribery under certain circumstances. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	JHA
<u>SB2250, SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Amends the offense of promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, public parks, or public housing projects or complexes to include homeless facilities. (SD1)	HSB, JHA
<u>SB2253, SD2</u>	RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. Amends the offense of negligent injury in the first degree to include injuries negligently inflicted by intoxicated drivers. Effective 7/1/2026. (SD2)	TRN, JHA
<u>SB2256</u>	RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY. Designates April 27 of every year as Brother Joseph Dutton Day.	CAA, JHA
<u>SB2268, SD2</u>	RELATING TO EQUITY. Requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects planned and designed after 7/31/2027 to provide at least one universal changing accommodation within the building in a public restroom, with certain exceptions. Makes conforming amendments to sections 489-6, 489-7.5, and 489-8, HRS, to prevent conflicts among the provisions. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)	LAB, FIN

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SB2271, SD1	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 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HLT, CPC
SB2272, SD1	RELATING TO HOME HEALTH LICENSING. Authorizes the Department of Health to accept accreditation from an accreditation organization or a certification organization approved 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HLT, CPC
SB2277, SD1	RELATING TO HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY. Requires each hospital in the State to comply with federal hospital price transparency requirements. Requires the Department of Health to monitor and enforce compliance. Establishes a process for patients to challenge debt collection actions filed by noncompliant hospitals. Requires the Department of Health to publish a list of any enforcement actions taken against noncompliant hospitals. Requires hospitals to provide patients with an easy-to-understand itemized bill statement before initiating a debt collection action against a patient. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN
SB2298, SD2	RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES. Requires cooperative housing corporation proxy forms to include certain language related to the selection options for proxies. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	CPC
SB2312, SD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. Amends the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) to require the contracted party of each contract to perform an agency function to retain records following the retention schedule of the agency and to provide the agency access to the records upon request. Establishes that all records retained by an agency function contractor shall be deemed government records for the purposes of the UIPA. Exempts contracts entered into by the Employees' Retirement System. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	JHA, FIN

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SB2314, SD1	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE. Requires that whenever there is a difference between the English and Hawaii version of law that is material to its interpretation, priority shall be given to the language that aligns with the intent of the legislature as evidenced by legislative history, context, and purpose. Clarifies that Hawaiian shall not be required for public acts and transactions, but is welcomed. (SD1)	JHA
SB2321, SD1	RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG. Establishes a two-year Two-Lined Spittlebug Response Pilot Program to mitigate and control the spread of the two-lined spittlebug. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
SB2322, SD1	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 designated by the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places, important to native Hawaiian people or to another ethnic group of the State, or determined to be eligible as a traditional cultural property or place on the National Register of Historic Places. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	EEP, WAL, JHA
SB2325, SD1	RELATING TO JUVENILE OFFENDERS. Authorizes courts to modify sentences imposed on juvenile offenders if certain conditions are met and the court finds that the defendant is not a danger to the safety of any person or the community and the modification is in the interests of justice after considering certain factors. Establishes procedures, provides for hearings and representation by counsel, and authorizes appellate review. (SD1)	HSB, JHA
SB2338, SD1	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. Establishes the position of Finance Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Requires HHFDC to consider additional measures of personnel performance. Prohibits HHFDC and Hawaii Public Housing Authority employment contracts that exceed 2 years, unless approved by the Legislature. Provides HHFDC and HPHA with autonomy in personnel matters. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSG, LAB, FIN

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SB2340, SD2	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. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)	HLT/HSB, FIN
SB2347, SD1	RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Requires the Office of Consumer Protection to periodically publish an accessible, multilingual notice of tenant rights. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC
SB2350, SD2	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Transfers the rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity that relate to agricultural enterprises to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Requires that the regulatory functions of the Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services Branch remain within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, ECD, FIN
SB2353, SD2	RELATING TO OUTDOOR SIGNAGE. Allows the display of outdoor advertising devices, including digital outdoor signage devices, within the Stadium Development District with the authorization of the Stadium Authority. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	ECD, WAL, FIN
SB2363	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES. Authorizes the counties to close public lands when necessary to protect public health, ensure public safety, or preserve natural or cultural resources.	WAL, JHA
SB2367, SD2	RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement a project to improve portions of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, as envisioned by the 2022 University of Hawaii Community Design Center Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Vision Report. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease the remaining portion of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor; provided that the lease shall expire on or before 6/30/2046. Repeals provisions relating to the leasing of certain fast and submerged lands of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. (SD2)	WAL, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2372, SD2](#)

RELATING TO TREES.

Establishes base selection criteria for exceptional trees. Establishes the significant tree designation, selection criteria, and related processes. Establishes the State Arborist Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes. Requires County Arborist Advisory Committees to have at least six members, adopt new exceptional tree selection criteria, and designate significant trees. Directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawaii to cooperate with State and County Arborist Advisory Committees to carry out the Exceptional Trees Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

WAL, JHA

[SB2376, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE RENEWABLE FUELS PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT.

Clarifies that the Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit shall only be claimed by taxpayers for which qualified renewable fuels production costs are incurred within the State and sold for distribution within the State. Allows taxpayers to be eligible for a separate 10-year credit period for each separate qualified renewable fuels production that independently meets eligibility requirements. Extends the time frame for taxpayers to file certain statements with the Hawaii State Energy Office. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 4/19/2042. (SD2)

EEP, ECD, FIN

[SB2377, SD2](#)

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. Effective 9/1/2050. (SD2)

ECD, JHA

[SB2378, SD2](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.

Clarifies insurance requirements for single-family and multi-family housing projects to obtain expedited permitting from county agencies. Clarifies that state or county inspectors shall inspect all projects with expedited permits. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HSG, WAL, CPC

[SB2386, SD1](#)

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS.

Clarifies that the requirement to disclose hourly rates or salary ranges on job listings applies to full-time, part-time, temporary, or seasonal employment. Exempts employers having fewer than twenty-five employees, rather than fifty, from the disclosure requirement. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)

LAB, CPC

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2387, SD1](#)

RELATING TO DIGITAL FINANCIAL ASSET
TRANSACTION KIOSKS.

Establishes limits on transactions through digital financial asset transaction kiosks. Requires operators of digital financial asset transaction kiosks to use blockchain analytics and tracing software to prevent fraud; make certain disclosures; provide receipts to customers; provide full refunds under certain circumstances; and provide live customer service and a dedicated communications line for the Attorney General, Office of Consumer Protection, Department of Law Enforcement, and county police departments. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC, JHA

[SB2391, SD2](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Provides annual salary step increases for public schools and public charter school teachers who have completed one year's satisfactory service and comply with specified requirements, if negotiated into a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to section 89-9, HRS, and subject to funds appropriated by the Legislature. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)

EDN, LAB, FIN

[SB2392, SD2](#)

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

Specifies that operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver is a misdemeanor for a first offense, or any offense not preceded within a ten-year period. Specifies and imposes additional sentencing and probation requirements for a person convicted of a misdemeanor operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant offense. Upgrades the offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver to a class C felony under certain conditions. Specifies and imposes additional sentencing and probation requirements for a class C felony offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver. Prohibits a deferred acceptance of guilty plea for persons convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. (SD2)

TRN, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2396, SD1](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY.
Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to establish and maintain a Registry of Agents designated to manage a property on behalf of an absentee owner or landlord, which shall be available for public access on the Office of Consumer Protection's website. Requires an absentee owner or landlord to register any agents managing a property on their behalf with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Prohibits an absentee owner or landlord from designating a tenant as an agent. Establishes penalties for an absentee owner or landlord that fails to register an agent with the DCCA or fails to designate an agent. Requires member owners of a condominium association who live outside the State or on another island of the State from where the unit is located to provide the association's board with the contact information of a designated on-island agent for the unit, which shall be included on the address list maintained by the association. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC

[SB2398, SD2](#)

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES.
Requires county boards of water supply to publicly disclose through their websites general information of service connection availability for residential permitting and construction. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HSG, WAL, JHA

[SB2399, SD2](#)

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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

TRN, FIN

[SB2400, SD1](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
Exempts persons operating wing-in-ground craft from the application of the Hawaii Water Carrier Act. Defines "wing-in-ground craft." (SD1)

TRN, CPC

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2401, SD1](#)

RELATING TO REGIONAL SHORELINE MITIGATION DISTRICTS.

WAL, FIN

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to plan and serve in a coordinating role to develop shoreline adaptation pathways plans for regional shoreline mitigation districts designated by the Office. Requires OPSD to coordinate shoreline adaptation pathways planning with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, applicable county planning department, and the community. Requires OPSD to collaborate with community stakeholders and consider certain criteria when developing a shoreline adaptation pathways plan. Requires OPSD, upon finalization of a shoreline adaptation pathways plan to transmit the plan to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for approval. Authorizes BLNR to adopt a shoreline adaptation pathways plan after determining that the plan satisfies certain requirements. Establishes procedures for the review of state and county permits associated with regional shoreline mitigation districts. Establishes the support and integration of shoreline adaptation pathways planning as a policy under the coastal zone management program. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2065. (SD1)

[SB2405, SD1](#)

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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, HSG, WAL

[SB2407, SD2](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND.

AGR, FIN

Establishes and appropriates moneys for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Hawaii Island Property Manager position within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB2408, SD1](#)

RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

HLT, JHA

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. (SD1)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2418, SD1](#)

RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

HLT, JHA

Removes items used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body controlled substances from the law prohibiting drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Restricts the law prohibiting drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to only prohibit items used for the manufacturing, compounding, converting, production, processing, or preparing of controlled substances. (SD1)

[SB2424, SD1](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

HSG, WAL, FIN

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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

[SB2425, SD2](#)

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

HLT, CPC, JHA

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. 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. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)

[SB2429, SD1](#)

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.

TRN, JHA

Establishes a framework for the use of intelligent speed assistance technology for habitual speeders. Establishes liability for a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer regarding the design, manufacture, installation, or repair of an aftermarket intelligent speed assistance system. Requires a report to the Legislature. (SD1)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2431, SD1	RELATING TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. 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 for residents 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN
SB2436, SD2	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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	ECD, CPC
SB2438, SD1	RELATING TO CIVIL INTERFERENCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS. Establishes a civil cause of action for interference with constitutional and statutory rights through threats, intimidation, or coercion. Authorizes private rights of action. Authorizes actions to be brought by the Attorney General, County Corporation Counsel, or County Attorney. Authorizes injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and certain monetary relief. Includes protections for constitutionally protected speech. (SD1)	JHA
SB2444, SD1	RELATING TO ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION OF REAL PROPERTY. Increases the real property exemption amount for attachment or execution. (SD1)	WAL, JHA
SB2447, SD1	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. 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. (SD1)	JHA
SB2448, SD2	RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES. Enacts the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act (Modified). Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)	JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2463, SD1](#)

RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE.

Lowers the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while under the influence of an intoxicant. (SD1)

TRN, JHA

[SB2470, SD2](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to evaluate an intersection for the installation of a leading pedestrian interval and accessible pedestrian signal upon the first placement or replacement of a state-owned pedestrian signal head. Requires the Department of Transportation to evaluate not fewer than 25 existing intersections with pedestrian signal heads on an annual basis until each intersection with a pedestrian signal head showing a pedestrian crash within the last 5 years has been evaluated. Ensures that accessible pedestrian signals are installed at intersections where leading pedestrian intervals are already installed. Requires that additional safety improvements are implemented as necessary where leading pedestrian intervals and accessible pedestrian signals are installed. 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 moneys from the state highway fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

TRN, FIN

[SB2471, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE POWERS OF ARTIFICIAL PERSONS.

Reaffirms that artificial persons created under state law possess only those powers that are necessary or convenient to carry out lawful business and charitable or organizational purposes, and that those powers do not include the power to spend money or contribute anything of value to influence elections or ballot measures. Revokes all prior grants of corporate and entity powers and regrants only those powers that the State determines to be necessary or convenient to conduct lawful business under the constitution and laws of this State. Effective 1/1/2027. (SD2)

CPC, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2479, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

HSH, JHA

Allows a defendant to introduce certain evidence to receive a reduced sentence for certain offenses if the defendant can show that they were subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, and that the acts were a significant contributing factor for the offense for which the defendant is being sentenced. Allows a defendant to introduce certain relevant evidence when raising the justification defenses of self-defense or defense of others to show that the defendant was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse by the alleged victim. Allows the circuit court imposing a criminal sentence to correct or reduce the sentence and to suspend or probate all or any part of the sentence imposed. Allows a person previously sentenced by a circuit court to petition the court to be re-sentenced to a reduced sentence if the defendant can show that they were subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, and that the acts were a significant contributing factor for the offense for which the defendant was sentenced. (SD2)

[SB2489, SD1](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

AGR, JHA

Requires each lease that the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity enters into, renews, or extends to include provisions stating that the Department may: (1) enter the leased premises; (2) order or otherwise require the lessee to maintain control of any invasive species on the leased premises; and (3) terminate the lease for refusal or violation. (SD1)

[SB2497, SD2](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC ENERGY.

EEP, CPC

Requires all electric utilities, other than electric cooperatives, to provide transparent customer bill impact analyses that are accessible to the public in an electronic format reasonably usable by ratepayers. Establishes requirements for bill impact analyses. Requires electric utilities to submit annual reports to the Public Utilities Commission. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB2516, SD1](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

JHA

Establishes a gradient penalty structure for the offense of hindering prosecution in the first degree, based on the level of offense hindered. (SD1)

[SB2517, SD1](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

JHA

Establishes a class C felony penalty for the unlawful possession, control, or transfer of a firearm or ammunition in violation of a valid judicial protective order or restraining order. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2518, SD1	RELATING TO ASSAULT AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. Includes recklessly causing serious or substantial bodily injury to a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of duty as the offense of assault against a law enforcement officer in the first degree. Increases penalties for the offense of assault against a law enforcement officer in the first degree. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	JHA
SB2519	RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. Establishes new deadlines for the completion of Law Enforcement Standards Board certification responsibilities.	LAB, JHA
SB2520, SD2	RELATING TO HABITUAL VIOLENT CRIME. Amends Act 213, SLH 2024, by repealing its sunset date and requiring the Criminal Justice Research Institute to submit a one-time report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2031. Requires the Department of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Criminal Justice Research Institute, to submit ongoing annual reports to the Legislature. (SD2)	JHA
SB2521, SD1	RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES. Exempts emergency medical services personnel from commercial driver's license requirements. Requires federal, state, and county firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement officers to maintain proof that they have successfully completed an agency approved or other state approved training on authorized emergency vehicles. Amends the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" under State Traffic Code to replace ambulances with emergency medical services vehicles. Expands the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" to include disaster response and recovery vehicles and Department of Health vehicles. (SD1)	TRN, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2530, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Prohibits state or county contractor's compensated officers and any officer's immediate family, with contracts exceeding the small purchase threshold pursuant to section 103D-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from contributing to candidate or noncandidate committees, candidates, or any person for any political purpose for the duration of the contract. Prohibits grantees, grantees' compensated officers and grantees' officer's immediate family, with grants of more than \$100,000, from contributing to candidate or noncandidate committees, candidates, or any person for any political purpose for the duration of the grant. Requires any unlawful contribution to be returned to the contributor or it will escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund. Requires the disclosure of names of any compensated officers and immediate family members of a state or county contractor or grantee for contracts or grants exceeding a certain amount. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to make available to candidate and noncandidate committees the disclosed names in a password-protected database. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

JHA, FIN

[SB2543, SD2](#)

RELATING TO STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Establishes within the Office of the Comptroller a five-year Office of the State Construction Manager Pilot Program headed by a full-time State Construction Manager, to provide guidance and recommendations on the design review of state construction projects administered by the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education. Requires the final plans, drawings, specifications, and other documents to be reviewed by the Disability and Communication Access Board for compliance with state accessibility laws. Requires the Office to assign employees to the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu to review and approve permit applications submitted for state construction projects administered by the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education. Establishes the Design Review Special Fund. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2525. Pilot Program sunsets on 6/30/2031. (SD2)

LAB, WAL, FIN

[SB2552, SD1](#)

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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

HSG, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2557, SD1	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to make an annual report on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and on housing placement. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on contracts and plans or proposals to enhance kauhale projects. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on coordination between the office and any county, state, or federal agencies, or private or nonprofit organizations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB2567, SD2	RELATING TO PETITIONS TO TEMPORARILY RESTRAIN AND ENJOIN HARASSMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE. Establishes a two-year pilot project to authorize public employers to petition for temporary restraining orders and injunctions against employment-related harassment of certain public employees. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2077. Sunsets 6/30/2028. (SD2)	LAB, JHA, FIN
SB2568, SD1	RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANTS. Elevates the offense of harassment to a misdemeanor when committed against a public servant because of or during their performance of official duties. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	LAB, JHA
SB2575, SD2	RELATING TO FIREARMS. Establishes mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for certain class A felonies involving firearms. Changes from a class B felony to a class A felony the penalty for owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition while being prosecuted for or having been convicted of committing a felony, a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or an illegal sale or distribution of any drug. Changes from a misdemeanor to a class A felony the penalty for ownership, possession, control, or transfer of ownership of any firearms or ammunition by a person who a court order has restrained from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing any person. Changes from a misdemeanor to a class A felony the penalty for carrying a firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance. Establishes unlawful possession of methamphetamine while carrying a firearm as a class A felony. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	JHA, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2591, SD1	RELATING TO NOISE. Establishes a two-year pilot project to prohibit the operation of privately owned and operated refuse collection vehicles before 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. within 500 hundred feet of any area zoned for mixed-use or residential apartment use within the Waikiki area of the City and County of Honolulu. Effective 1/30/2050. Sunsets 6/30/2028. (SD1)	HLT, JHA
SB2593, SD1	RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD. Exempts certain positions of the Law Enforcement Standards Board from the State's Civil Service Law and collective bargaining requirements. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	LAB, JHA, FIN
SB2596, SD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT LEASES. Requires that real property leases between state government entities cost no more than \$1 per year. Exempts leases from this requirement if the real property subject to the lease is being used by a department to meet a core responsibility of that department. (SD1)	WAL, FIN
SB2599, SD2	RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT. PART I: Redesignates the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Community Development District. Amends the composition of the Hawaii Community Development Authority for purposes of the Halawa Community Development District. Amends the duties and powers of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and Stadium Authority as they relate to activities within the Halawa Community Development District. Clarifies the Hawaii Community Development Authority's permitting and consultation powers regarding public projects within community development districts. Establishes the Halawa Community Development District Special Fund. Appropriates funds. PART II: Appropriate funds. Appropriates moneys from the Stadium Development Special Fund for the planning, design, and development of the Halawa Community Development District by the Hawaii Community Development Authority, contingent upon the Stadium Authority submitting proof it has retained a stadium construction expert and a finalized organizational plan, and the Hawaii Community Development Authority submitting a plan to utilize bond revenue from Act 252, SLH 2025. PART III: Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority, when planning and developing housing, to plan for complete communities that include various aspects supporting quality of life. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, HSG, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2600, SD1	RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND. Provides a tax credit to taxpayers and makes deposits to the emergency and budget reserve fund and other post-employment benefits trust fund pursuant to article VII, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	FIN
SB2601, SD2	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Ensures that awarded contracts are supported by sufficient appropriations by requiring that the contract amount does not exceed 10% of the amount of the appropriation or balance of an appropriation that is available to cover the cost of the contract. Requires a contract that exceeds the 10% threshold to be approved by the Chief Procurement Officer. Amends criminal penalties under the Hawaii Public Procurement Code by providing that a person who intentionally violates the code is guilty of a petty misdemeanor for the first offense and a misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Establishes positions within the State Procurement Office. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)	JHA, FIN
SB2607, SD1	RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. Authorizes the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects to determine the appropriate educational and examination requirements for landscape architect licensure. Clarifies experience requirements for landscape architect licensure. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC
SB2611, SD1	RELATING TO SCHOOLS. Includes weekends and holidays as times where a reasonable warning or request to leave school premises is not required for a person to commit the offense of criminal trespass in the first degree. (SD1)	EDN, JHA
SB2614	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Authorizes the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the Armed Services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.	EDN, PBS, FIN
SB2615	RELATING TO SCHOOL CAFETERIA MEAL COSTS. Requires the Department of Education to charge not less than one-quarter of the cost of preparing a school meal for each school meal.	EDN, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2623, SD2](#)

RELATING TO LICENSING.

Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to renew certificates of registration for registered pharmacy technicians. Clarifies renewal requirements and restoration provisions for certificates of registration. (SD2)

CPC

[SB2645, SD3](#)

RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION.

Establishes the State Fire Code as the minimum statewide standard for fire safety. Prohibits the counties from adopting, amending, or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or code provision that is less restrictive than the State Fire Code. Establishes the State Fire and Life Safety Special Fund. Limits the frequency of fire and safety inspections at state facilities by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to once every three years. Changes the method of appointment of the State Fire Marshal from selection by the State Fire Marshal Selection Commission to appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Amends Act 302, SLH 2025, by replacing two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for fire inspectors and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions for fire investigators with four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for assistant fire marshals. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD3)

PBS, FIN

[SB2661, SD1](#)

RELATING TO NEPOTISM.

Repeals language in the State's Code of Ethics that exempts the legislative and judicial branches from prohibitions against nepotism in public employment. (SD1)

LMG, JHA

[SB2662, SD2](#)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Compliance Audit Unit within the Office of the Auditor to conduct regular audits of agency consultant contracts to assess cost-effectiveness and compliance. Establishes exceptions. Requires each chief procurement officer to ensure that inherent government functions are not delegated to a contractor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)

LMG, FIN

[SB2665, SD2](#)

RELATING TO RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES.

Requires applicants for driver's license renewal who have received a moving violation within the previous five years to complete an educational course that includes a road safety video developed by the Department of Transportation and a written road safety examination. Effective 7/1/2027. (SD2)

TRN, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2667, SD1](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Restricts motor vehicles that tow a motor vehicle or trailer from the far left lane on roads with three or more lanes going in the same direction with exemptions. Specifies penalties for restricted motor vehicles who drive in the far left lane on roads with three or more lanes moving in the same direction. Applies restrictions and penalties to a county with a population of 500,000 or more. (SD1)

TRN, JHA

[SB2671, SD1](#)

RELATING TO ESSENTIAL PERMITTING POSITIONS.

Authorizes a mayor to establish a pilot program to improve the speed, accountability, and quality of permit processing through targeted staffing, performance incentives, and interdepartmental competition within participating counties. Authorizes a mayor to designate any number of positions as essential permitting positions across departments involved in permit review, permit processing, or both. Authorizes the payment of a minimum differential payment to assist in employee recruitment and retention. Authorizes the hiring of essential permitting positions at salaries above the minimum salary within the approved salary range. Requires personnel departments to prioritize the hiring of individuals into essential permitting positions over other positions. Authorizes counties to use revenues from the county surcharge on state tax pursuant to pay for pilot program expenses. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 4/19/2042. (SD1)

ECD, LAB, FIN

[SB2688, SD1](#)

RELATING TO COMPASSIONATE RELEASE.

Establishes a protocol for compassionate release for certain ill or seriously debilitated incarcerated persons. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

PBS, JHA, FIN

[SB2694, SD2](#)

RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS.

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish automatic adjustment mechanisms to address economic factors sua sponte or on application by a water carrier. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a water carrier inflationary cost index automatic adjustment mechanism. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commissions to waive or exempt any water carrier from any requirement under the Hawaii Water Carrier Act. Sunsets 7/1/2033. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

TRN, CPC

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2695, SD1	RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. Clarifies a driver's obligations at crosswalks. Requires drivers to stop and remain stopped for pedestrians in crosswalks. Strengthens penalties for traffic violations, particularly in school zones. Expands the offense of negligent injury in the second degree to include bodily injury to a vulnerable user by the operation of a vehicle in a negligent manner. Effective 1/1/2027. (SD1)	TRN, JHA
SB2697, SD1	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Prohibits vehicles from driving on the shoulder of a roadway, except in certain circumstances. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and county police departments to impound or cause to tow vehicles with expired registrations of three years or more after verifying the vehicle's registration status. Allows the owner of an impounded or towed vehicle to recover the vehicle under certain conditions. Exempts an owner of an impounded or towed vehicle from liability for any towing or storage charges if the vehicle was improperly impounded or towed. Allows the owner of an impounded or towed vehicle to recover the vehicle without payment upon presenting the vehicle's current registration to the towing company. Requires a towing company to allow a vehicle owner to enter the vehicle to obtain the vehicle's current registration. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Increases the fine amount for owners of out-of-state motor vehicles who fail to register the vehicle in the State. Establishes minimum and maximum statutory penalties for violations relating to the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes. Effective 8/1/2027. (SD1)	TRN, JHA
SB2698, SD2	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Requires the Department of Transportation to assess a per passenger head fee against cruise ships docking in the State's commercial harbors in addition to existing port user fees. Establishes the Cruise Ship Special Fund. Repeals existing law imposing the Transient Accommodations Tax on cruise ships, effective retroactive to 1/1/2026. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	TRN, TOU, FIN
SB2713, SD1	RELATING TO PESTICIDE BUFFER ZONES. Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the application of restricted use pesticides within a half-mile radius of elderly health care facilities, with certain exemptions. (SD1)	AGR, JHA
SB2721, SD1	RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Implements recommendations pursuant to Act 245, SLH 2024, to amend the Hawaii Penal Code. (SD1)	JHA, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2730, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

JHA

Establishes factors under which officers may arrest and detain persons without a warrant for petty misdemeanors and violations, and requires officers to document the justification for the arrests. Amends the circumstances under which officers may issue citations in lieu of arrest. Requires officers to issue citations in lieu of arrest for certain petty misdemeanors and violations. Requires the Judiciary to promulgate a standardized citation form and updates the required information for citations. Requires citations be visible on an offender's criminal record. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB2731, SD1](#)

RELATING TO SENTENCING.

JHA

Limits the maximum term of imprisonment for misdemeanors that are not crimes of violence, or for offenses that are not crimes of violence 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 for an offense that is not a crime of violence to apply to the court for a sentence modification to conform to the new limit. (SD1)

[SB2737, SD1](#)

RELATING TO BRIBERY.

JHA

Establishes the offense of failure to report bribery by a state elected official as a misdemeanor. Requires a state elected official who knows of or witnesses the conferring, offering, solicitation, or acceptance of a pecuniary benefit in violation of the bribery statute to report the conduct to the Department of the Attorney General, a county prosecuting attorney, a law enforcement agency, the State Ethics Commission, or a county ethics board within sixty days. Defines "state elected official". Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)

[SB2757, SD2](#)

RELATING TO DIGITAL ASSET CHARTERS.

CPC, JHA, FIN

Establishes within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of Financial Institutions, beginning 1/1/2027, a digital asset charter program for licensing, regulating, and overseeing digital asset companies and digital asset business activities. Authorizes companies that participated in the Hawaii Digital Currency Innovation Lab to temporarily continue digital asset business activities without a charter in certain circumstances. Appropriates moneys from the compliance resolution fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2761, SD2](#)

RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA.

Prohibits social media platforms from allowing individuals under sixteen years of age from creating or maintaining an account or profile if the social media platform knows that the individual is under sixteen years of age. Requires social media platforms to take certain actions to prevent individuals under sixteen years of age from creating or maintaining an account or profile on the social media platform. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD2)

HSH, CPC, JHA

[SB2765, SD1](#)

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

Clarifies that condominium associations that have obtained title to a unit through foreclosure may retain rental income received prior to the appointment of a commissioner in a subsequent foreclosure; provided that the association may be required by a court to remit rental income received after the appointment of a commissioner to be held until an order of distribution is entered by the court. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC, JHA

[SB2781, SD1](#)

RELATING TO LEI.

Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to convene a working group that shall identify, gather, and report on any existing studies or assessments conducted or data assembled by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity or University of Hawaii on flower farms, lei materials, and the capacity of local floriculture to meet public and private demand; conduct a study of the State's floriculture industry; and submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets the working group on 6/30/2027. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

AGR, FIN

[SB2795, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN FLAG.

Requires cooperative housing corporations, planned community associations, and condominium associations to allow owners to display the Hawaiian flag within the owner's property. Allows reasonable time, place, manner, and size restrictions on Hawaiian flag displays to protect a documented substantial interest of the association and corporation. Authorizes cooperative housing corporations, planned community associations, and condominium associations to impose stricter size restrictions on Hawaiian flag displays or eliminate the flagpole or have its height lowered if the documented substantial interest is related to health or safety. Effective 9/9/2129. (SD2)

CAA, CPC, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2797, SD2	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Establishes a new gift card fraud law, under the scope of unfair and deceptive practices law, which requires merchants and third-party gift card resellers to take certain steps to prevent gift card scams. Requires the Office of Consumer Protection to create model notices and issue certain guidelines. Requires the conspicuous provision of information regarding terms and conditions of gift certificates, regardless of whether the cards are sold in person, electronically, or telephonically. Extends the minimum redemption period for paper gift certificates from two to four years. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	CPC, JHA
SB2799, SD1	RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Health, to submit to the Legislature a report on the plan for the transfer of powers and duties of Kalaupapa Settlement prior to the Regular Session of 2027. (SD1)	WAL, JHA, FIN
SB2803, SD1	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a plan for the consolidation of the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions and Homeless Programs Office under a single centralized entity with a draft plan due prior to the 2027 Regular Session and the final plan due prior to the 2028 Regular Session. Requires reports to the Legislature by the consolidated entity. Appropriates moneys. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Kauhale Initiative and related capital improvement projects. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB2804, SD1	RELATING TO COMMERCE. Prohibits acquiring and holding stocks and other interests if the acquisition and holding lessens access to health care or increases insurance rates. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD1)	HLT, CPC
SB2805, SD2	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit to incentivize significant investment in agricultural production and support the expansion of agricultural crops that take longer to become productive. Sunsets 1/1/2031. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

<u>SB2806, SD1</u>	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE. Prohibits real estate brokers from listing or offering the sale or lease of residential real estate to a limited or exclusive group of prospective buyers, real estate brokers, or real estate salespersons, with limited exceptions. Deems the practice an unfair or deceptive trade or practice subject to penalties and grounds for discipline. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC
<u>SB2808, SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET. Establishes the Defeasement Trust Fund within the Department of Budget and Finance for the defeasement of tax-exempt bonds to allow private use of state facilities financed by tax-exempt bonds. Requires the Department to consult with bond counsel before defeasement. Appropriates moneys in and out of the Defeasement Trust Fund for defeasement of certain tax-exempt bonds. (SD1)	FIN
<u>SB2811, SD2</u>	RELATING TO STATE BUILDING PROJECTS. Establishes the State Building Permit Process Task Force within the Department of Accounting and General Services to evaluate the challenges, opportunities, and legislative actions necessary to establish a State Building Permit Review Office for state projects located on state-owned lands. Requires any processes or recommendations developed by the task force to comply with section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Sunsets the State Building Permit Process Task Force on 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)	LAB, FIN
<u>SB2812, SD1</u>	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SAFETY. Requires testing of driver license applicants on the dangers that larger motor vehicles present to pedestrians and bicyclists. Requires persons who commit the offense of excessive speeding or habitually driving while intoxicated to pass the driver license examination for each offense pursuant to an order of the court. (SD1)	TRN, JHA

**Committee
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SB2816, SD1	RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES. Expands the definition of "eligible business activity" to include certain research and development activities and information technology design and production services. Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to declare up to two census tracts in the State that contain an innovation enterprise to be designated as an enterprise zone, subject to the Governor's approval. Requires DBEDT to conduct an in-house comprehensive review, in consultation with the Department of Taxation, of the State Enterprise Zones Program established under chapter 209E, HRS. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	ECD, FIN
SB2818, SD2	RELATING TO BOATING. Clarifies the penalties for violations of boating and ocean recreation laws pursuant to chapter 200, HRS. Clarifies the violations that constitute unauthorized conduct. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, JHA
SB2835, SD1	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Part I: In counties of fewer than 200,000 residents, but more than 100,000 residents, exempts the three-day temporary liquor licenses for fundraising events, known as class 10 special licenses, from any requirement to obtain fire-related clearances. Allows applications for class 10 special licenses to be submitted electronically and for a single application to apply any fundraising event that spans multiple parcels of land owned by the same entity. Part II: Increases the percentage of fines assessed by all county liquor commissions that may be used to fund public liquor-related educational or enforcement programs. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	ECD, CPC
SB2849, SD2	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings, where applicable. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)	JHA
SB2851, SD1	RELATING TO DEAF INDIVIDUALS. Authorizes deaf motor vehicle owners to register their vehicle as being owned by a deaf individual so that a deafness designation appears when a law enforcement officer accesses the motor vehicle's information. Effective 1/1/2027. (SD1)	TRN, JHA

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SB2852, SD1	<p>RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS. Establishes it as an unlawful discriminatory practice for a place of public accommodation to deny a person with a disability full and equal enjoyment of information related to their services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations by requiring use of information and communication technology that is not accessible to the person. Beginning 7/1/2027, requires each place of public accommodation with 16 or more employees to ensure that all information and communication technology used is accessible to persons with disabilities. Beginning 7/1/2028, requires all places of public accommodations to each ensure that all information and communication technology used is accessible to persons with disabilities. Establishes exceptions. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD1)</p>	CPC, JHA
SB2866, SD1	<p>RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING. Repeals the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna and for positions to support the program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	HSB, FIN
SB2875, SD1	<p>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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	EDN, CPC
SB2881, SD1	<p>RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX. Provides that taxable income subject to reporting as distribution on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R may be subject to withholding at the taxpayer's election. Requires the Department of Taxation to adopt rules and prescribe forms. Applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. (SD1)</p>	FIN
SB2885, SD1	<p>RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes mandatory handling and storage rules for commercial and residential coconut rhinoceros beetle host material to reduce the spread of CRB within infested zones and to prevent spread into non-infested zones. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	AGR, CPC, FIN
SB2892, SD1	<p>RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS. Appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	AGR, FIN

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2896, SD1](#)

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES.

TRN, JHA

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. Prohibits a person under twenty-one years of age from operating a commercial motor vehicle outside of state-approved commercial driver training programs or registered apprenticeship programs as determined by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Requires the Department of Transportation to consult with DLIR to amend its rules to allow persons under twenty-one years of age to operate a commercial motor vehicle under certain conditions. (SD1)

[SB2902, SD2](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Defines "portable solar generation device" and establishes certain requirements for their regulation and use exclusively within units in condominiums organized pursuant to Chapter 514B, HRS. Requires the Public Utilities Commission or a person or organization chosen by the Commission to establish an online registration system. Clarifies that portable solar generation devices are subject to certain approval procedures for installation in condominiums. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 4/19/2042. (SD2)

[SB2907, SD1](#)

RELATING TO MARINE AFFAIRS.

ECD, WAL, FIN

Declares that the State is an ocean cluster. Establishes the Office of Marine Affairs under the Governor's Office 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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

[SB2921, SD1](#)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

FIN

Transfers to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds and programs. (SD1)

[SB2922, SD2](#)

RELATING TO COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

CPC

Clarifies that cooperative associations organized under chapter 421C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may include multi-stakeholder cooperatives, producer cooperatives, workers cooperatives, and consumer cooperatives. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2925, SD1](#)

RELATING TO COCONUT TREES.

AGR, ECD, FIN

Establishes recognition of coconut trees as a source of food and water, and as a cultural treasure. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish rules to allow the use of coconut tree seed banks in the State. Requires owners or operators of property where any coconut tree is located to post and maintain a sign that clearly indicates that the coconut tree is a landscape palm, when applicable. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish labeling standards for non-consumable landscape palms. Establishes an income tax credit for consumable coconut trees maintained through natural management practices. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

[SB2930, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVOLVING FUND.

LAB, FIN

Increases the expenditure ceiling and appropriates funds out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund established by section 41D-4, HRS, to enable the Department of Accounting and General Services, State Risk Management and Insurance Administration to transfer and distribute property and liability insurance proceeds related to the 2023 Maui wildfires to applicable accounts. Specifically appropriates moneys out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund to the Department of Education for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School; Department of Transportation for the King Kamehameha III Elementary School Roadway; Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the David Malo Circle and Piilani homes; Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Lahaina Small Boat Harbor; and Hawaii State Public Library System for the Lahaina Public Library. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to submit to the Legislature a master coordinated project spreadsheet developed in collaboration with certain state agencies, the County of Maui, and other relevant entities. Requires full funding for the projects for which funds are appropriated to be available before expenditure. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)

**Committee
REFERRAL**

[SB2948, SD2](#)

RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

Increases the scope of insurance fraud and certain offenses. Augments offenses by contractors and insurers during a declared emergency. Clarifies the penalties for the offense of insurance fraud and the capabilities and operations of the Insurance Fraud Investigations Branch, including the annual report to the Legislature and the protection of sensitive information. Adds protection for insurance fraud whistleblowers. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to establish a centralized database for authorized agencies to track insurance fraud data. Appropriates funds from the compliance resolution fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

CPC, JHA, FIN

[SB2950, SD1](#)

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Authorizes captive insurance companies to underwrite, reinsure, or otherwise assume catastrophic property and casualty risks, subject to the approval and continuing supervision of the Insurance Commissioner. Allows the Commissioner to set certain minimum standards for captive insurance companies underwriting catastrophic property and casualty risk. Requires captive insurance companies underwriting catastrophic property and casualty risk to provide certain information in reports to the Commissioner. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC

[SB2952, SD1](#)

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires certain insurers to notify policyholders of rate changes at least 60 days before the effective date of the rate change. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC

[SB2960, SD1](#)

RELATING TO PROPERTY INSURANCE.

Establishes a minimum time frame of 36 months following loss due to declared disaster or emergency for the policyholder to submit documentation to recover full replacement cost value of covered dwelling or structure. Allows extensions for good cause. Establishes a minimum time frame of 12 months from completion of covered dwelling or structure for the policyholder to submit documentation to recover full replacement cost value of covered personal property. Requires homeowners insurers to give timely notice to policyholders to explain the time frames and extensions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

CPC

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB2964, SD1	RELATING TO PROPERTY INSURANCE. Requires homeowners insurers to provide policyholders with annual disclosures of replacement cost value and the sufficiency of policyholder's coverage. Requires homeowners insurers to offer annually to policyholders increased coverage if the property is underinsured. Requires homeowners insurers to maintain records of disclosures and offers for five years. Provides that failure to comply constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC
SB2970, SD1	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. Requires directors, acting directors, and deputy directors of a principal state department to be responsible for ensuring that all contracts entered into by the department comply with a provision in the State's Code of Ethics governing conduct relating to contracts. Requires any violation to be assessed against the director, acting director, or deputy director of the department at the time the violation occurred. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	JHA, FIN
SB2972, SD1	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 until the Division of Aquatic Resources' Holomua Marine Initiative process adopts applicable regulations. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets // . (SD1)	WAL, JHA
SB2973, SD1	RELATING TO FISHING. Prohibits the use of jug line fishing and other jug rig variant fishing methods in state waters. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, JHA
SB2975, SD1	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to close all or portions of any marine life conservation district for various periods of time and to adopt rules for the regulation of commercial activity within a marine life conservation district; provided that the marine life conservation district is located on or adjacent to the shores of Oahu. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, JHA

**Committee
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<u>SB2981</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE. Beginning 7/1/2027, prohibits minimum off-street parking requirements for any new development in an urban district. Requires each county to amend or repeal any charter provision, ordinance, code, standard, or administrative procedure that imposes a minimum off-street parking requirement by 7/1/2027.	HSG, WAL, JHA
<u>SB2982, SD2</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Prohibits foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes. Requires every business entity that contributes or expends funds in a state election to certify that the entity was not a foreign corporation or foreign-influenced business entity when the contribution or expenditure was made. Specifies that if the conditions that determine whether a business entity qualifies as a foreign-influenced business entity are held unconstitutional by a final judgment, including all appeals, the Campaign Spending Commission is required to establish revised conditions that are constitutional. Requires noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a statement of certification from each top contributor required to be listed in an advertisement avowing that no funds were derived from foreign entities or foreign-influenced business entities. Exempts entities engaged in transporting cargo and subject to section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. Effective 1/1/2028. (SD2)	JHA, FIN
<u>SB2983, SD1</u>	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Establishes the offense of criminal destruction of a tree on state or county property, punishable as a misdemeanor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	JHA
<u>SB2986, SD2</u>	RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION. Authorizes the Land Use Commission to amend, revise, or modify a decision and order granting a district boundary amendment, or fine a petitioner, upon finding that a petitioner or its successors or assigns have not adhered to the conditions imposed by the Commission, regardless of whether there has been substantial commencement of use of the land. Defines "substantial commencement". Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)	WAL, JHA
<u>SB2991, SD1</u>	RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY. Clarifies that persons whose driver's licenses have been revoked for certain alcohol-related offenses are required to undergo reexamination before the examiner of drivers may relicense the person. Requires a notice and order of administrative revocation to include certain information. (SD1)	TRN, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

<u>SB2999, SD1</u>	RELATING TO A CLEAN FUEL STANDARD. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules by 1/1/2028 governing a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels in the State. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>SB3001, SD2</u>	RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Requires operators of conversational artificial intelligence services in the State to issue certain disclosures to account holders and users. Requires operators to develop protocols to prevent the production of suicidal ideations in account holders and users. Establishes protections for account holders and users of conversational artificial intelligence services. Establishes protections for minor account holders and users of conversational artificial intelligence services. Beginning January 1, 2028, requires operators to submit annual reports to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs containing certain information. Allows the Department of the Attorney General to bring a civil action against operators who violate certain requirements. Establishes statutory penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	ECD, CPC, JHA
<u>SB3007, SD2</u>	RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS. Establishes the Office of Community Culture and Innovation within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for administrative purposes only. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the establishment of 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Executive Director position and 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Specialist position within the Office of Community Culture and Innovation. Establishes the Community and Cultural Partnerships Program. Appropriates moneys for the preservation and relocation of works of art from Aloha Stadium. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	CAA, FIN
<u>SB3010, SD2</u>	RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT. Allows law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet animal that is endangered by being left or confined in an unattended vehicle. Allows private citizens to rescue a pet animal that has been left in an unattended vehicle under certain circumstances. (SD2)	AGR, JHA
<u>SB3014</u>	RELATING TO WILDLIFE. Increases the fines for taking or harassing protected turtles in the State.	WAL, JHA

**Committee
REFERRAL**

SB3016, SD1	RELATING TO PRIVACY. Adds definitions of "identifier" and "specified data element" and amends the definition of "personal information" for the purposes of notifying affected persons of data and security breaches under existing state law that governs the security breach of personal information. Includes telecommunications carriers subject to and in compliance with certain federal provisions among the businesses deemed compliant with security breach notice requirements under existing state law. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC, JHA
SB3019, SD2	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Prohibits the sale of tickets at a price higher than \$3 more than the original price charged by the primary venue ticket provider for events held in the State. Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to impose fines for any violations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	CAA, CPC
SB3025, SD2	RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT. Requires the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop, implement, and administer a Medical Debt Acquisition and Forgiveness Program to acquire and forgive outstanding medical debt for certain individuals in the State beginning with the medical debt of the 50,016 Hawaii residents that has already been acquired by medical debt and consolidation organizations. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)	HSH/HLT, CPC, FIN
SB3028, SD2	RELATING TO PROPERTY CONVEYANCE. Restructures the conveyance tax to a marginal rate system and adjusts the tax for multifamily properties to reflect value on a per-unit basis. Adds the Special Land and Development Fund (to fund land acquisition for the Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program) and the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (to fund infrastructure programs in county-designated transit-oriented development areas). Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	HSG, WAL, FIN
SB3032, SD1	RELATING TO BEACHES. Clarifies that the prohibition on the taking or mining of beach or marine deposits, including sand, seaward from the shoreline includes licensed and unlicensed contractors. (SD1)	WAL, JHA

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SB3033, SD1	RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. Allows public petition to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for review of the integrity of beach structures. Requires the Department to recommend the applicable county agency to order the owner of any beach structure determined to be imminently threatened to resolve, mitigate, and plan for the harmful effects of the beach structure. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, JHA
SB3035, SD2	RELATING TO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. Requires a seller of real property adjacent to the shoreline, and the seller's agent, to disclose and include in all advertisements certain shoreline erosion issues related to the parcel. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, CPC
SB3045, SD1	RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. Requires all health insurers in the State, including Medicaid managed care programs, to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors and related supplies under certain conditions. Applies to insurance policies, contracts, plans, or agreements issued or renewed in the State after 12/31/2026. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD1)	HLT/HSB, CPC, FIN
SB3053, SD2	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Health for the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Watershed-based Water Quality Monitoring Pilot Program for the Waialeale Watershed. Requires report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys to the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for mangrove removal and shoreline and stream maintenance in the Nineteenth Senatorial District and nearby areas, including the West Loch and Middle Loch shorelines. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, FIN
SB3055, SD2	RELATING TO FALSE IMPERSONATION OF UNION REPRESENTATIVES. Prohibits a person from falsely impersonating an employee organization representative. Establishes a cause of action and penalties for violations. (SD2)	LAB, JHA
SB3062, SD2	RELATING TO LIQUOR. Provides that the University of Hawaii and its campuses and state libraries may utilize liquor in certain educational settings without obtaining liquor licenses, subject to certain limitations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	HED/EDN, CPC

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SB3067, SD1	RELATING TO RECORDS. Removes outdated requirements and formats for plans filed with the registrar's office. Updates permissible drawing scales used in plans. Clarifies that statutory filing fees are set pursuant to the rules adopted by the Department of Accounting and General Services. Repeals obsolete terms such as "blueprint." Authorizes the Department of Accounting and General Services to approve the format of plans. (SD1)	WAL, FIN
SB3071, SD1	RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND MORALS. Clarifies and updates the sex trafficking and promoting prostitution criminal offense statutes by refining the definition of "profits from prostitution," establishing an affirmative defense to these offenses for certain lawful transactions, and making technical and other housekeeping amendments. (SD1)	JHA
SB3072, SD1	RELATING TO THEFT. Requires a mandatory twelve-month minimum sentence of incarceration, without the possibility of parole, for a conviction of theft in the first degree when the value of the property or services stolen exceeds \$250,000, whether imposed as a mandatory minimum sentence for an indeterminate term of imprisonment or as a condition of probation, in addition to any other authorized disposition such as restitution or a fine. (SD1)	JHA
SB3073, SD1	RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE. Specifies the types of cases in which evidence must be retained post-conviction and the process by which evidence may be disposed of earlier than the standard period of retention, which includes a procedure for defendants to oppose the disposal of biological evidence by filing an objection with the court. Provides that upon the motion of a defendant or prosecutor or on the court's own motion, the court may order retention of biological evidence in any felon case for a certain period under certain circumstances. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	JHA
SB3077, SD2	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Adopts the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act (2023), as modified, to replace existing chapters related to advance health care directives and advance mental health care directives. Requires the Attorney General to convene a working group. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 1/30/2050. Implementation effective 7/1/20209. (SD2)	HLT, JHA

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<u>SB3083, SD2</u>	RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS. Requires notification to the security forces of each branch of the military when a protective order is issued in a case involving a military-affiliated individual. Requires the Judiciary, Department of Law Enforcement, and county police departments to establish certain policies and procedures. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	PBS, JHA
<u>SB3084, SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Expands the allowable uses of Hawaii Technology Development Corporation grant funds to include providing grants to applicants for qualifying federal research and development awards and matching funds for recipients of those awards and related contracts. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	ECD, FIN
<u>SB3085, SD2</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO. Provides an exemption to dispositions of lands set aside for film studio and film studio operation from prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to section 171-11, HRS, thus streamlining the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's use of the Hawaii Film Studio for filming activity and other film-related business in order to more efficiently develop Hawaii's film, media, and creative industries. Repealed 6/30/2030 if Hawaii film studio has not changed locations as of that date. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	ECD, WAL, FIN
<u>SB3102, SD2</u>	RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE. Clarifies the consulting role and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' development and implementation of port pilot licensure standards, requirements, and criteria. Repeals Port Allen from the list of designated pilotage waters. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	TRN, CPC
<u>SB3103, SD2</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE. Establishes the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program within the Department of Human Services to assist qualifying households in paying their energy bills. Requires the Public Benefits Fee Administrator of the Public Utilities Commission to provide certain information and assistance to recipients of the program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	EEP/HSB, CPC, FIN

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<u>SB3118, SD1</u>	RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN. Updates references to the United States Code in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. (SD1)	EDN, PBS, JHA
<u>SB3125, SD1</u>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. PART I: Repeals certain future adjustments to income tax brackets. Changes income tax rates. Amends the child and dependent care tax credit by: (1) Changing the applicable percentage of the employment-related expenses for which the credit may be claimed to an unspecified percentage; (2) Providing for a disallowance period when there is a final administrative or judicial decision finding that the claim was due to fraud or disallowing the credit; and (3) Defining "adjusted gross income". Extends the repeal date for amendments made by Act 163, SLH 2023 to the child and dependent care tax credit, earned income tax credit, and food/excise tax credit to an unspecified date. PART II: Beginning 1/1/2029, repeals the following tax credits: Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit, Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit, High Technology Business Investment Tax Credit, Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit, Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit, Ship Repair Industry Tax Credit, and Tax Credit for Research Activities. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	FIN
<u>SB3131, SD1</u>	RELATING TO PERSONNEL. Updates state position titles by changing "private secretary" to "executive assistant" and "secretary" to "administrative assistant", where applicable. (SD1)	LAB
<u>SB3132, SD1</u>	RELATING TO SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE. Requires hospitals with emergency departments that are licensed in the State to submit syndromic surveillance data to the Department of Health. Authorizes the Department of Health to establish by administrative rules a syndromic surveillance system under state jurisdiction that is independent of federal systems. (SD1)	HLT, CPC

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SB3133, SD2	<p>RELATING TO PREVENTIVE MEDICINE. Establishes the Hawaii Preventive Services Advisory Committee and authorizes the Department of Health to issue preventive service recommendations. Requires health insurance coverage without cost-sharing for Department of Health-recommended clinical preventive services. Provides immunity for healthcare providers' and facilities' provision of recommended clinical preventive services. (SD2)</p>	HLT, CPC, JHA
SB3134, SD2	<p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF CARE. Modernizes the State's emergency medical services statutes to align with current best practices. (SD2)</p>	HLT, CPC
SB3142, SD2	<p>RELATING TO DANGEROUS INTOXICATION. Establishes the offenses of dangerous intoxication and habitual dangerous intoxication. Provides for civil protective custody and transport for emergency examination under section 334-45, HRS, in lieu of arrest for dangerous intoxication in specified circumstances, and bars prosecution when civil protective custody is used. Requires probation with mandatory treatment for habitual dangerous intoxication, with incarceration only upon probation violation. Makes conforming amendments to chapter 334, HRS. Effective 1/30/2050. Implementation effective 7/1/2036. (SD2)</p>	JHA
SB3144, SD1	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAW. Repeals the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board and its rules requiring a separate state crane operator certificate. Allows additional time for the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to complete an investigation of a discharge or discrimination complaint pertaining to employees exercising rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Law without formal extension. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)</p>	LAB, CPC
SB3152, SD2	<p>RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PORT ADMINISTRATION. Renames the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to the Commercial Ports Division and distinguishes between the terms "harbor" and "commercial port" throughout the statutes. (SD2)</p>	TRN, FIN

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<u>SB3154, SD2</u>	<p>RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Transportation to assume responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for highway projects, as well as railroad, public transportation, or multimodal projects within the State, allowing streamlined environmental reviews. Provides a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to comply with federal requirements under 23 United States Code sections 326 and 327. (SD2)</p>	TRN, EEP, JHA
<u>SB3156, SD1</u>	<p>RELATING TO FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with the United States Department of Defense for the provision of services at federal military installations, provided that only federal funds are used and title 23 United States Code federal highway funds are excluded. Authorizes charging an administrative fee. (SD1)</p>	TRN, PBS, FIN
<u>SB3169, SD1</u>	<p>RELATING TO COASTAL RESILIENCE.</p> <p>Establishes a five-year Coastal Resilience Pilot Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the preservation of Mantokuji Bay. Exempts the Pilot Program from certain regulatory requirements. Requires the State Historic Preservation Division to conduct a streamlined historic preservation review. Requires the inadvertent discovery of Native Hawaiian skeletal remains to trigger certain procedures. Requires the Pilot Program to cooperate with the Department of Health to conduct certain activities upon certain discoveries. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. Sunsets 7/1/2055. (SD1)</p>	WAL, ECD, FIN
<u>SB3173, SD1</u>	<p>RELATING TO CULTURAL EDUCATION.</p> <p>Establishes a Cultural Training Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to be administered by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation for all commercial use permit holders operating in Lahaina Harbor. Requires DOBOR to partner with an organization identified by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in Native Hawaiian culture and place-based history to teach a cultural training course to educate commercial use permit holders and applicants for commercial use permits on the cultural and historic significance of the area. Requires existing commercial use permit holders and applicants to undergo cultural training. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	WAL, JHA

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SB3179, SD1	RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS. Requires the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain steps regarding incidents of harassment and implement procedures for handling harassment of educational workers. (SD1)	EDN, LAB, JHA
SB3183, SD2	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Prohibits individually or jointly filing taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or greater from claiming the renewable energy technologies income tax credit for certain solar energy systems installed and placed in service on a single-family residential property, with certain exemptions. Increases the adjusted gross income requirements for an individual taxpayer to elect to have any excess credits refunded. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/26. Effective 4/19/2042. (SD2)	EEP, FIN
SB3187, SD2	RELATING TO OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION. Implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force. Establishes and appropriates funds for a working group within the State Building Code Council to develop proposals for an off-site construction program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	HSG, WAL, FIN
SB3202, SD1	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. Amends the Healthcare Preceptor Tax Credit to remove language limiting access only to those practicing in primary care, to add licensed dietitians, physician assistants, and social workers as eligible preceptors and students, and to include residency and fellowship programs. Adds the Director of Health and a representative of residency programs with eligible students to the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HLT, FIN
SB3204, SD1	RELATING TO FAMILY RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM. Establishes a one-year Family Resilience Pilot Program within the Office of Wellness and Resilience. Appropriates funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. Sunsets the pilot program 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	HSH, FIN
SB3218, SD2	RELATING TO BONDS. Conforms state law concerning county debt limits to permit counties to exclude housing infrastructure growth bonds from the debt limit of the counties, if a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of housing infrastructure growth bonds and excluding housing infrastructure growth bonds from determinations of the counties' funded debt is ratified. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	HSG, FIN

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SB3219	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 12 AND 13, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION. Proposes constitutional amendments to expressly provide that the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions, such as the counties, to issue housing infrastructure growth bonds, and exclude these bonds from determinations of the funded debt of the political subdivisions for specified public works, public improvements, or other actions necessary for new housing development.	HSG, JHA, FIN
SB3225	A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS. Amends or repeals various provisions of the HRS or the SLH for the purposes of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, or deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.	JHA
SB3230, SD2	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT. Authorizes governmental bodies and public employees to procure project management services through non-governmental third-party contracts under certain conditions. Clarifies the inherently governmental and nondelegable responsibility of governmental agencies, which must retain ultimate authority, accountability, and decision-making over contract performance. Requires every budget transfer to receive prior written certification from an appropriate fiscal officer as to the effect the budget transfer will have on the total project budget or the total contract budget. Appropriates funds to establish a Special Project Branch within the Public Works Division of the Department of Accounting and General Services, including funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent positions, to provide specialized expertise and staff resources that support the Division's implementation of certain complex, high-profile capital improvement program projects using innovative, non-traditional delivery methods. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD2)	LAB, FIN

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SB3231, SD1	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS. Requires condominium maps for lands within an agricultural district to include a letter signed by an appropriate county official or agency certifying that the condominium property regime will conform to county zoning laws. Requires an application for registration of a project in an agricultural district larger than ten acres to include certain additional information. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	WAL, CPC
SB3234, SD2	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY. Appropriates an unspecified sum from the state highway fund for the Department of Transportation to install all-way crosswalks at sites abutting school properties. (SD2)	TRN, EDN, FIN
SB3246, SD2	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 moneys. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)	HLT, CPC, FIN
SB3248, SD2	RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS. Establishes labeling requirements for ?okolehao products. Effective 9/9/2129. (SD2)	ECD, CPC
SB3249, SD1	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PROTESTS. Requires the forfeiture of half of the cash or protest bond for review of procurement-related disputes if the initiating party does not prevail in an administrative proceeding and the Office of Administrative Hearings finds that the appeal was made in bad faith. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	FIN
SB3250, SD1	RELATING TO LIBERTY AND JUSTICE DAY. Designates March 5 of every year as Liberty and Justice Day. Requires all flags flown on state lands to be flown at half-staff on Liberty and Justice Day. (SD1)	CAA, JHA
SB3251, SD2	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY. Prohibits the Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Taxation, and Department of the Attorney General from appointing or employing certain former United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Border Patrol agents and employees as law enforcement officers. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	ECD, LAB, JHA

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SB3252, SD2	RELATING TO CLIMATE PLANNING. Amends the powers and duties of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Establishes a Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission Coordinator position to lead the Commission. Requires annual reports to the Governor, Legislature, and counties. Establishes six full-time equivalent positions within the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	EEP, WAL, FIN
SB3253, SD2	RELATING TO CONSERVATION. Establishes the Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary to protect and expand the populations of endangered species and other wildlife in the State. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	WAL, EEP, FIN
SB3254, SD2	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. Appropriates funds to be expended by the Department of Health as a grant for the Hawaii Primary Care Association to support solar-plus-storage microgrid implementation at community health centers in medically underserved communities, and provide programmatic services, project management, contract management, reporting and fiscal stewardship responsibilities, and developing future scalable plans for the development and deployment of solar-plus-storage microgrids at nonprofit community health centers. Effective 1/30/2050. (SD2)	HLT, EEP, FIN
SB3255, SD1	RELATING TO CURRENCY. Requires retail merchants to accept cash payments in in-person transactions. Requires cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents. Requires cash transactions that total \$0.01 or \$0.02 to be rounded up to \$0.05. Exempts transactions in which payment is made by demand or negotiable instrument, electronic fund transfer, check, gift card, money order, credit card, or other like instrument or method. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CPC, FIN
SB3262, SD1	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board submit three nominees for its Executive Director to the Board of Education. Requires the Board of Education to appoint an Executive Director from the nominees on the list, subject to advice and consent of the Senate. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)	EDN, JHA

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[SB3263, SD2](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Establishes a Name, Image, and Likeness Endowment trust fund to be administered by the University of Hawaii to compensate student athletes. Requires an initial corpus of a certain amount for the Name, Image, and Likeness Endowment trust fund and requires interest to be deposited into the trust fund. Prohibits the allocation of all, or any portion of, the corpus of the Name, Image, and Likeness Endowment trust fund. Requires UH to establish a Name, Image, and Likeness Program. Requires UH to establish criteria for the Name, Image, and Likeness Program and a formula for the distribution of funds to student athletes. Requires student athletes being compensated for their name, image, and likeness to retain a registered athlete agent. Allows a student athlete's parent or legal guardian to represent the student athlete in areas agreed to by the student athlete. Requires UH to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

HED, CPC, FIN

[SB3281, SD1](#)

RELATING TO GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT.

Establishes the criminal offense of promoting an illegal electronic gambling device. Authorizes civil penalties and actions relating to premises on which an illegal electronic gambling device has been used. Allows the Attorney General, any county prosecuting attorney, any county police chief, or the Director of Law Enforcement to take certain actions against places used to commit certain offenses that qualify as a nuisance. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD1)

JHA

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[SB3294, SD2](#)

RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

JHA, PBS, FIN

Establishes the procedure that a court of the State shall follow upon the reversal or vacation of an individual's judgment or conviction on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the charges were dismissed. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to notify the Department of Human Services to assign a case manager to a petitioner upon the petitioner's release. Requires the State to provide medical coverage to a person for a certain duration upon the reversal or vacation of a person's judgment of conviction on grounds consistent with innocence and where the charges were dismissed. Clarifies that any benefits that a petitioner is qualified for, including any benefits under chapter 346, HRS, continue until the petitioner is gainfully employed or no longer qualifies for the benefits. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide a state identification card to a petitioner upon release. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Clarifies that a person whose judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, or who was pardoned, on grounds consistent with innocence, and where the charges were dismissed, may petition for compensation. Requires the State to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the reversal or vacation of the order of conviction for a petitioner, or the pardoning of the petitioner, was inconsistent with innocence. Specifies that any award under chapter 661B, HRS, is only to settle claims with the State and not any third party. Prohibits the Attorney General from offsetting third-party claims against an award made under chapter 661B, HRS. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)

[SB3315, SD2](#)

RELATING TO CANNABIS.

HLT, JHA

Allows applicants or primary caregivers to make a one-time purchase of medical cannabis after the submission of the applicant's certification form while waiting for confirmation of registration from the Department of Health. Requires the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation to facilitate the temporary authorization. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

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[SB3322, SD2](#)

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Prohibits with certain exceptions, the use of facial coverings and requires visible identification by law enforcement officers and their vehicles in the performance of their duties. Requires state and county law enforcement agencies to establish policies regarding state and county cooperation with federal civil immigration enforcement. Prohibits law enforcement officers from prolonging a stop to inquire about a person's civil immigration status. Establishes criminal offenses for use of a mask or facial covering by a law enforcement officer, lack of visible identification, and unauthorized civil immigration interrogation. Effective 3/22/2075. (SD2)

ECD, JHA

[SB3324, SD1](#)

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Human Services to increase funding for certain Medicaid home- and community-based services, including residential services offered in community care foster family homes and expanded adult residential care homes. Requires the Department to obtain matching federal funds and to pursue additional funding sources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

HSH, FIN

[SB3325, SD1](#)

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS.

Requires the Department of Education to establish an updated plan for maximizing Medicaid reimbursements for administrative and support services provided to students with special needs. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. (SD1)

EDN, HSH, FIN

[SB3326, SD2](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to study the separation of ownership and control of electric energy generation services from transmission and distribution services. Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to effect the separation of ownership and control of these services after conducting and submitting to the Legislature a final report on the study. (SD2)

ECP/LAB, CPC,
FIN

[SB3334, SD2](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Establishes a cap on the total number of superintendent-level positions within the Department of Education. Defines "superintendent-level position". Requires the Board of Education to conduct a written performance evaluation of each complex area superintendent every 2 years. Appropriates moneys for 2 Deputy Superintendent positions within the Office of the Superintendent. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

EDN, FIN

