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**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND  
EMPOWERMENT**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**TIME:** 9 A.M.

**PLACE:** Remote Meeting by Interactive Conference Technology  
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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. February 5, 2025
- III. New Business**
  - a. 2025 OHA State Legislative Package - Matrix 1
  - b. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2
  - c. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust - Matrix 3
  - d. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional & Customary Practices - Matrix 4
  - e. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Housing - Matrix 5
  - f. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Health - Matrix 6
  - g. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education- Matrix 7
  - h. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Development - Matrix 8
  - i. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting HRS Chapter 6E (Iwi kūpuna) - Matrix 9

- j. Action Item #25-04: Approve the addition of a resolution to the OHA 2025 Legislative Package (“Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer or Partial Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”).

#### IV. Community Concerns

#### V. Adjournment

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Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

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**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT  
February 5, 2025  
9 a.m.  
(via Interactive Conference Technology and  
In-person at OHA Maui Ola Boardroom)**

**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

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Luana Alapa  
Kaiali'i Kahele  
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Everett Ohta

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Committee Chair Galuteria – 9:08:26 a.m.)**

*Eight (8) trustees (Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Alapa, Lindsey, Souza, Waihe'e) in attendance which constitutes a quorum*

*Excused: Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele*

**Chair Galuteria** asked all members to please take the time, especially during the legislative session, to follow what is happening at the Capitol since the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is responsible for talking to the Legislature on behalf of the Lahui.

Each year, approximately 3,000 bills are introduced during the legislative session; and as time passes, bills stay active, or they don't. He asks that all members follow those bills that are listed in OHA matrices and to follow them as long as they remain active.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: To approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) (9:15:07 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Akina (9:15:09 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Souza (9:15:12 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION - None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (9:18:18 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a VOTE OF 8-1 (9:18:55 a.m.)**

***Yes - Trustees Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Alapa, Lindsey, Souza, Waihe'e, Chair Galuteria***

***Excused – Trustee Kahele***

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **2025 OHA State Legislative Package \* (9:25:07 a.m.)**

○ Testifier: **Germaine Meyers (9:18:56 a.m.)**

*Regarding SB534 – expressed concern that neither the BAE Committee nor the Board of Trustees discussed this bill prior to presenting it to the Legislature. She also expressed concern that Chair Kahele was not available for questions or to hear position – support or opposition – of proposed amendments on the bill. She also expressed her deep concern about SB379 because of the possibility of housing being in perpetuity because it would handicap the developer as well as the person any of the 50+ 1% units. Also of concern is that of the danger of developing in the flood zone and the fact that low-income families would not be able to live oceanside because of cost.*

OHA’s Chief Advocate, **Leina’ala Ley**, reported that those bills in OHA’s Legislative Package are moving and have been successfully advanced out of the first committee and the Kaka’ako Makai bill is the only one that had a triple referral from Water and Land, Hawaiian Affairs, and Housing. These committees voted to advance this bill.

This package does not need to be voted on because the Board voted on the package when it was first presented [in the January 8 meeting].

The budget bill was moving on both sides and passed unanimously out of committee.

The Public Land Trust (PLT) bill is only moving in the House, and the ‘iwi bill is only moving in the Senate; but both are moving with unanimous support as well.

In answer to **Trustee Lindsey**’s questions, Leina’ala reported that the Housing Committee passed the bill out of committee; Judiciary and Water and Land had not scheduled a hearing yet.

Regarding the matrices, **Trustee Akaka** asked that the matrices include page numbers, item numbers, color coding/shading for any new bills. OHA COO, **Kehaulani Pu’u**, assured Trustee Akaka that due to very limited staffing, the staff has many things that are of high priority, they try to do their best to address those priorities in addition to simultaneously trying to be responsive to drafting and submitting testimony. She added that these are challenging times because OHA is operating with limited capacity, but she wanted the Trustees to understand that they will continue to try to provide material that is easy for the Trustees to navigate.

**Leina’ala** informed the Trustees that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) recently rendered their opinion that the matrices now must be filed with BAE’s agenda which gives advocacy a shorter window within which to work to get the Board the most up-to-

date information they can at the time of filing. She also added that the matrices do not include the many bills they are tracking; bills in the matrices are those bills that are moving.

**Trustee Souza** thanked her for her work despite the shortage of employees. **Trustee Ahuna** encouraged the Administration to provide Leina'ala and the Advocacy team with filling the vacancies to help her. **Trustee Akaka** added her concerns about OHA's need for administrative assistance as well as needed employees in Policy. She thanked them for the good job they are doing despite the struggles; she expressed her appreciation for their work.

**Chair Galuteria** inquired about the timeline to fill vacant positions; Kehau reported that a temporary assistant would be starting February 10 to help Leina'ala, and she hoped to have two other assistants that would be shared across seven paia by month's end.

***\*Note: Matrix 1\*\* was meant to be for informational purposes only so no vote was taken.***

**b. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA \* - Matrix 2 \*\***

- *No testifiers*

**DISCUSSION**

**Leina'ala** pointed out a new bill, **HB1476, regarding the Space X aircraft that launches from Texas** has the risk of debris dropping around Papahānaumokuākea National Monument and proposed that OHA should support the concept and the idea that future environmental reviews would consider the impacts on the National Monument and consult with OHA.

**SB1193** relates to land restoration and proposes an Aloha 'Aina Land Trust to receive back lands from the United States military when those lands are decommissioned. We support, in concept, many of the aspects of this bill include making sure the land comes back to kuleana landowners as well as to state and then, preferably, to OHA. **Leina'ala** explained that it is a complicated bill, thus OHA's support with comments. OHA should support certain aspects of the bill, but other aspects of the bill require refinement.

**HB780** also has a **companion bill relating to desalination. OHA will monitor.**

**HB603** relates to **Native Hawaiian business marketing (branding)** that **OHA will support with comments.** A working group will examine this proposal rather

requiring immediate implementation. In response to Chair Galuteria's question, Leina'ala explained that it is proposed that OHA led the working group to look at establishing a brand for Native Hawaiian made products so that Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs help capture that part of the market that is interested in buying products from Native Hawaiian owned businesses.

**Trustee Akina** asked for clarification on **SB63 and SB543 which addresses the Commission on Water Resource Management and the OHA CEO appointing one member to the Commission.**

Trustees asked for clarification as to the difference between the CEO appointing a member versus the Board of Trustees playing that role. He further inquired about their fiduciary duty and if there was any functional difference regarding that.

**Corporate Counsel, Everett Ohta**, clarified that the statutory language will guide who designates who have oversight. He explained that to the extent there is a specified appointment to be made by the CEO, he/she does not seek board approval. **Leina'ala** added that in terms of making the recommendation, if the Board wants to be informed, the law may have to be amended to make it workable. **Trustee Akina** said, based on Leina'ala's insight, it might be more functionally efficient to have the CEO play the role of recommender. Further, even if the legislation named OHA as the responsible party, it was worth exploring that approach OR delegating that job to the CEO. He also said that he would feel safer if legislation would simply name OHA without designating the party in OHA that would make the selection. **Leina'ala** will propose that amendment.

**Trustee Akaka** inquired about OHA's Hawaiian registration card program and its benefits – is the program still active or will we activate it again? Regarding SB199 regarding Hawaiian Culture, **Trustee Akaka** was wondering if the dates indicated in the bill were reasonable dates and if the expectations on OHA were reasonable. **Leina'ala** explained that the bill was heard and amended to just be one cultural center by 2050 which seems to be a realistic expectation; it's moving and OHA's work with the committee has been successful so the final will be as OHA would like to see it.

**Trustee Akaka** asked about **SB1301 relating to historic preservation**. OHA's compliance expert, **Kamakana Ferreira**, acknowledged that additional resources from OHA will be needed to carry out the project. Someone in the compliance paia would most likely oversee the project so hiring an administrative assistant would help us be successful. The concern is that when stipulations are made and OHA does not have the capacity to carry out those stipulations, then success is not truly reasonable. Because of the line of work in compliance, he wants to be considerate of his team.

**Chair Galuteria** and **Leina'ala** confirmed for **Trustee Akaka** that the bills they would be voting on were the bills presented to be voted on, not the ones that say support, comments, or whatever else.



**MOTION: To adopt or amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills naming OHA as reflected in Matrix 2\*\***

**MOVED: Trustee Souza (9:54:17 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Lindsey (9:54:18 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (9:54:19 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a vote of 8-1 (9:54:54 a.m.)**

*Yes – Trustees Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Alapa, Kahele, Lindsey, Souza, Waihe'e, Chair Galuteria*

*Excused – Kahele*

**c. OHA Position On Bills Affecting The Public Land Trust\* - Matrix 3\*\* (9:55:19 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

**Leina'ala Ley** explained that since BAE's last meeting [January 22, 2025], there was a change to a bill. It is just one change, but the bill is listed twice because it is a house bill with a **companion senate bill relating to Mauna Kea**. There are two different sets of bills **HB143 and SB 769; OHA supports one and opposes the other**. OHA's Mauna Kea lawsuit states the authority should not be the entity overseeing the lands and the leases at Mauna Kea. The trust responsibility should remain with DLNR. OHA's position of Support was a clerical error; the position of support is corrected to a position of OPPOSE.

**MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting the Public Land Trust as reflected in Matrix 3\*\***

**MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (9:56:56 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Akaka** inquired about **HB317 relating to State Parks' Special Fund**. Last year, OHA took a position of support with amendments; this year, it's comments. **Leina'ala** explained that the categories of positions are overlapping, and OHA supports the bill as far as expending money for environmental protection. She further explained that as with any bill that touches on public lands, funds cannot be used solely for environmental protection because it has to have OHA's pro rata share so COMMENT is consistent with SUPPORT WITH COMMENT because OHA supports the environmental protection fee subject to getting its 20% pro rata share.

Regarding **SB5** through **5**, **SB1188 (relating to federal land)** shows a position of **SUPPORT**. **Trustee Akaka suggested SUPPORT WITH COMMENT** would be better so OHA can work toward being a member of the advisory committee. **Leina'ala** agreed and will indicate so when the updates are made.

**Board Chair Kahele arrives at the meeting (9:59:49 a.m.)**

**Chair Galuteria** refers to the motion made by Trustee Lindsey and calls for a second to the motion. **(9:59:55 a.m.)**

**[MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting the Public Land Trust as reflected in Matrix 3\*\***

**MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (9:56:56 a.m.)]**

**SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:00:11 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (10:00:14 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:00:16 a.m.)**

**d. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional & Customary Practices\* - Matrix 4\*\* (10:00:22)**

- *No testifiers*

**DISCUSSION**

**Leina'ala** reported that there were no changes on this matrix.

**Trustee Akaka** inquired about HB123 and SB22 relating to fisheries and asked for mana'o on the position of opposition. **Leina'ala** explained that the feedback from staff, and I agreed with them, was that OHA should not have management of fisheries exempted from environmental review. This is a standard operating procedure to ensure that different impacts are considered, and it isn't an opposition to our fishery industry. **Leina'ala** added that OHA is supporting the Ahi bill which relates to a labeling requirement that would help people identify fish caught in Hawai'i. It also supports our local businesses that way. Our position supports good management principles.

**Trustee Akaka** asked the amendments to HB512. There are very specific comments about how this would affect existing protected areas. There are different types of community-based fisheries and different management areas, and this bill seems like it would affect that. The concern was that this bill would not negatively affect community-based fisheries and existing management programs that OHA has participated in supporting.

**Trustee Kahele** asked if the fishery related bills that specifically talks about exempting requirements from all fisheries, was meant to address the Supreme Court decision in 2017 that requires environmental reviews for commercial aquarium collection. **Leina'ala** said that was a concern about this bill.

**Trustee Kahele** asked if all fisheries would assume near shore fisheries and pelagic fisheries. When asked if near shore fisheries and commercial aquarium applicants would not be subject to the environmental review process, **Leina'ala** answered that was another concern she and staff had about this bill. He shared that he thought they had made the right decision.

**Trustee Akaka** asked about a bill relating to commercial or reef fish, **Leina'ala** said that there isn't a commercial aquarium ban bill this year.

**Kealoha Pisciotta** (Hilo office) affirmed that the uhu bill was difficult because uhu is fish food and are important to our ecosystem. They affect not only Native Hawaiians' ability to fish for the uhu, but we are at a point that we don't want regulations to our traditional and customary practices. Kealoha and her team went at length to explain the difficulty of making this decision because the excessive taking of the aquarium trade is forcing us to make this decision because uhu and hinalea are target species of this trade. Their excessive taking is creating a problem with our uhu that helps manage and protect our reefs. The team also made sure to include that information because local communities are sacrificing because of the excessive taking of all kinds of commercial fishing extractions, aquarium trade, etc. Kealoha wants to affirm that OHA needs to be very careful in supporting bills like this that don't include certain information. Information is so vague about fisheries that it isn't well known which fisheries are being spoken to and why there needs to be an exemption.

**Trustee Akaka** felt it would make sense to have this bill with the parrot fish bill (SB244) instead of taking the position of support and change it to support with comment so OHA can list reasons how this affects us and to have it on record that we, as people, are sacrificing our Native Hawaiian rights and customary traditions because we are having to deal with overfishing for commercial purposes and not for sustenance.

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices as reflected in Matrix 4\*\* (10:10:5**

**MOVED: Trustee Waihe'e (10:10:56 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Alapa (10:10:57 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (10:11:01 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:11:05 a.m.)**

**e. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Housing\* - Matrix 5\*\* (10:11:05 a.m.)**

○ Testifier: Shane Pali (10:11:28 a.m.)

*Commended the staff for their work at the legislature, for being out in the community where OHA is appreciated, and for the resources put on OHA's website. **Shane** appreciates the matrices that are on the website and "mailed to community members. Because **HB606 is not in OHA's matrix, he wanted to bring the bill to the trustees' attention.** This bill seeks to appropriate \$600M to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL); the funding is crucial to address the long-standing housing crisis that continues to displace native Hawaiians. 29,000 individuals remain on the DHHL waitlist. Taking the 'ohana into account, the number is impacted. Generations of families have been forced into overcrowded living conditions and the Native Hawaiian diaspora is growing at an alarming rate. More money is needed from the State and OHA's support is appreciated. **HB606 recently passed out of the House Committee on Housing and is awaiting a hearing with the House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.** If passed, this funding will directly support housing development and placement for Hawaiian beneficiaries who have been waiting for so long. **Shane** asks the trustees to keep this bill on their radar and continue advocating for resources that uplift our beneficiaries and support long-term solutions for housing access. In response to **Trustee Akaka's** inquiry, **Shane** confirmed that **HB606** is part of the Hawaiian Caucus package.*

*\*\*\*Note: **Trustees Alapa, Akana, and Souza** agree with Shane and thank him for presenting this issue to the Committee. **Trustee Souza** suggested **OHA take the position of HIGHLY MONITOR.***

○ Testifier: **Germaine Meyers (10:18:26 a.m.)**

*Germaine asked for consideration of advocacy to change OHA's position on the following bills (Housing):*

***HB944** – change OHA position from COMMENT to SUPPORT. Her neighborhood boards currently give their senators and reps their CIP projects that they want them to support. The same with their councilmember for CIP projects. This bill expands their efforts by having the mayor and city council engage with the neighborhood board's recommendations for the city's CIP and operating budgets. Neighborhood boards are grassroots civic engagement groups for each community. Germaine would like OHA's*

*support of her neighborhood needs, especially the support of Hawaiian populated communities.*

**HB431-** *change OHA position from SUPPORT to OPPOSE. To oppose HB431 is to support funding for the Governor's Kauhale Initiative which seeks to build temporary, transitional shelters that are exceedingly small with no private kitchens, bathrooms, or showers. This initiative does not include building permanent long-term homeless housing.*

## **DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Souza** respectfully disagreed. He visited a couple of Kauhale that are being or were built under the direction of Governor Green are not temporary transitional structures but well-built homes. **Trustee Alapa** agreed with Trustee Souza and encouraged other trustees to visit the different sites to see for themselves how nice these buildings are and that they provide those who are less fortunate to be able to live with dignity. Trustee Alapa stated she would like to see OHA continue its support for this bill.

**Trustee Lindsey** inquired about the Kauhale across from the Governor's home; what happened to them? No one knew.

**Trustee Kahele**, while he appreciated her comments, stated that he respectfully disagreed with Germaine's comments, and **Trustee Kahele** did not agree with the language offered by Germaine and her community but **agrees with OHA's position of COMMENT**. In addition, **Trustee Kahele** commended Governor Green on his Kauhale Initiative and did as much as he could to address the issue. He also noted that 42 members of the House supports this bill and he stated that he would vote to support the bill.

**Trustee Akaka** was curious as to what the next steps are. **Chair Galuteria** suggested that OHA's comments will relay the concern of putting a time limit on transitional housing if that is the case. **Trustee Akaka** also expressed concern that the houseless are being flown into Hawai'i by other states, most likely because we have better weather conditions; but that puts a burden on Hawai'i's resources. She also suggested a bill banning other states from sending their houseless to our state. **Leina'ala** suggested that the Trustees not propose amendments unless we have a very specific language that fits into the statutory section. Chair Galuteria asked we just see how it goes.

**Trustee Akina** added that when the Kauhale Initiative was established between Queen's Hospital and the Governor's Mansion, it was a pilot project launched for six months. Because it was a successful project, a dozen other kauhale were to be built as permanent structures. Even though these kauhale will not address all homeless issues, it gives some people the opportunity to become residents that have homes to live in.

**Trustee Akaka** and **Leina'ala** asked if **HB606** could be added to Matrix 5 at the time of the vote. **Corporate Counsel, Everett Ohta**, explained that although there was testimony on that bill, based on guidance from the Office of Information Practices (OIP), OHA revised its approach regarding our matrices. **Everett** recommended the BAE Committee not take action to add **HB606** position to Matrix 5 until the next BAE Committee meeting [March 5, 2025].

**Board Counsel, Na'iwi Wurdeman** asked for confirmation that the chief advocate would consider the comments and present them to the Committee at the next meeting. **Everett confirmed.**

**Trustee Akaka** asked for any other advice OIP provided that the committee members may need to know. **Everett** explained that the guidance received from OIP regarding the BAE committee meeting agendas was that we provide the actual listing of bills to be discussed during every meeting. The BAE Committee and Board of Trustees agendas must include the bills listed along with their numbers, titles, and brief descriptions. That information must now be attached to the agendas when they are posted. This makes the agendas lengthier as well as restricts the ability of the committee/board members to adjust agendas and meeting folders to include new matters identified between the time of posting agendas and meetings being held.

In response to **Trustee Akaka's** question, **Everett** clarified that in terms of getting updated legislative positions or materials, once meeting folders are distributed, updates cannot be shared with the Trustees until the beginning of the meeting. No additional material can be presented once the folders are distributed (two business days prior to the meeting).

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Housing as reflected in Matrix 5\*\* (10:39:57 a.m)**

**MOVED: Trustee Alapa (10:40:01 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Waihe'e (10:40:03 a.m.)**

### **DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Akaka** asked about changing the Committee's position on **HB944 regarding the Neighborhood Board (from COMMENT TO SUPPORT)** as suggested by Trustee Kahele. **Leina'ala** and **Trustee Kahele** confirmed.

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (10:40:36 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:40:41 a.m.)**

**f. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Health \* - Matrix 6\*\* (10:42:03 a.m.)**

- No testifiers

**DISCUSSION**

**Leina’ala** explained that there was only one change on this matrix: **HB127 relating to bail**. OHA’s position on this bill is to **change our position from SUPPORT to MONITOR**.

Other criminal justice bills on this matrix are related to juvenile justice and protection and protection of sex trafficking victims (who are primarily girls).

**Trustee Lindsey** about the marijuana bill. **Leina’ala** said that the bill was not a bill that was being recommended at this time, it could be discussed at a future meeting if the Trustees choose to consider a recommendation. Such a bill would fit into this matrix because it seeks to reduce incarceration for nonviolent crimes. **Trustee Lindsey** shared with Leina’ala that she was approached by the city prosecutor last year; he asked that OHA oppose the bill.

**Trustee Akaka** inquired about bills **HB407 and SB37** relating to midwifery. She wanted to understand why **OHA has a position of HIGH MONITOR** (last year, OHA’s position was to support. **Trustee Akaka** inquired if bills HB407, SB370, SB274, HB1328, and HB407 were the same. Leina’ala explained that HB1328 was brought to the attention of the BAE Committee last year by Hanau Ea.

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff’s recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Health as reflected in Matrix 6\*\* (10:45:35 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Waihe’e (10:48:46 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Lindsey (10:48:47 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (10:48:47 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:48:49 a.m.)**

**g. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education\* - Matrix 7\*\* (10:49:02 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION**

Leina'ala and her advocacy team made no changes to the matrix.

Corporate Counsel, Everett Ohta, advised Chair Galuteria to vote on this matrix even though there are no changes.

- *No testifiers*

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Education as reflected in Matrix 7\*\* (10:49:54 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Waihe'e (10:51:39 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Lindsey (10:51:47 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (10:51:56 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:51:56 a.m.)**

**h. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affective Native Hawaiian Economic Development \* - Matrix 8\*\* (10:52:02 a.m.)**

Leina'ala and her advocacy team made no changes to this matrix.

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Development as reflected in Matrix 8\*\* (10:52:28 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (10:52:44 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Waihe'e (10:52:45 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE. (10:52:59 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:53:00 a.m.)**



i. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting HRS Chapter 6E (‘Iwi Kupuna) \*  
- Matrix 9\*\* (10:53:05 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

**DISCUSSION**

**Leina’ala and her advocacy team** made no changes to this matrix.

**Trustee Akaka** asked about **HB737 relating to historic preservation**. **Compliance Officer, Kamakana Ferreira**, explained that historically, other bills like this have tried to amend the definition of “historic property.” OHA has commented that although we have been requesting that properties being requested to be placed on the Hawai’i Register should include sites that are important to Native Hawaiians. This year, that clause was included in the bill, so OHA has changed its position from SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS TO MONITOR this year.

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff’s recommendations for position on bills affecting HRS Chapter 6E as reflected in Matrix 9 \*\* (10:55:46 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Waihe’e (10:55:50 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Alapa (10:56:01 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE. (10:56:10 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. (10:56:15)**

j. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Honolulu County Council Resolution 25-037 urging the State of Hawai’i to create a Hawaiian Language Commission \* (10:56:18 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

**DISCUSSION**

**Leina’ala** clarified that this resolution is from the Honolulu City Council to create a working group in support of Hawaiian language. Leina’ala believes this resolution is in response to the controversy where an individual testified to the use of the

Hawaiian language. This resolution is a basic resolution to create a commission to support Native Hawaiian language. Leina'ala further stated that although this resolution comes from the City Council, it is the recommendation from Advocacy that OHA support it; there was mutual consensus from the Trustees.

**MOTION: To approve/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on Honolulu City Council Resolution 25-037 urging the State of Hawai'i to create a Hawaiian Language Commission. \* (10:57:32 a.m.)**

**MOVE: Trustee Waihe'e (10:57:49 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:57:51 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE. (10:57:55 a.m.)**

**VOTE PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (10:58:02 a.m.)**

### **DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Akaka** asked the policy team to consider using Native Hawaiian Crown and Government lands rather than using the term, public lands. In addition, in the Committee on Water and Land hearing [held February 4, 2025], HB1358 (related to the Public Land Trust Working Group, Trustee Akaka suggested OHA might want to add those other bills to the matrices.

**Leina'ala** asked for clarification on adding the bills heard in that same hearing by Trustee Akaka would be added to OHA's matrices at the next BAE meeting. **Trustee Akaka** responded 'yes.'

Leina'ala asked if Trustee Akaka was recommending a position on those bills or did she want Advocacy to just take a look at them. Trustee Akaka's list included the following:

- ~ HB1348 relating to public lands
- ~ HB1141 relating to updating public land leases issued pursuant to Chapter 171

Regarding revised statutes:

- ~ HB533 relating to historic property
- ~ H533 relating to historic property
- ~ HB 653 relating to non-general funds

**Trustee Souza** wanted to take a moment to encourage his fellow trustees to collaborate on items on the agenda prior to its filing or the committee meeting

because a lot of things could have been vetted prior to coming to the meeting.  
**Chair Galuteria** added that it is at his pleasure that collaboration comes from both the BOT Suite and the Administration so we can avoid hurdles at meetings.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn the February 5, 2025 meeting of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. (11:01:28 a.m.)**

**MOVED: Trustee Alapa (11:01:37 a.m.)**

**SECOND: Trustee Souza (11:01:38 a.m.)**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**CALL FOR THE VOTE (11:01:43 a.m.)**

**MOTION PASSED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE (2:02:02 a.m.)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:02:25 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lei-Ann Stender Durant, Trustee Aide**

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**Date**

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**Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, Committee Chair**

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**Date**



Leina'ala Ley

Director of Advocacy Division

**BAE Meeting MATRIX**

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**Blue** Highlights = Change in position

**Yellow** Highlights = New Bills for Trustees to confirm.

**Red** – Dead Bills

# **2025 OHA State Legislative Package**

## **Matrix 1**



# Office of Hawaiian Affairs

## 2025 Package Bills Matrix



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Presented by: Leina'ala Ley, Ka Pou Kihi Kū/Chief Advocate

2025 OHA State Legislative Package - Matrix 1							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB410</a>	<a href="#">SB269</a>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Appropriates moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2025, and ending on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
2	<a href="#">HB1358</a>		RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP.	Appropriates moneys to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to facilitate the hiring of necessary staff and the purchase of equipment and professional services on behalf of the public land trust working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	SOUZA, AMATO, BELATTI, HOLT, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, MARTEN, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TARNAS, TEMPLO	WAL, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">SB268</a>	<a href="#">HB409</a>	RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.	Decreases the size of the Island Burial Councils from nine to seven members. Removes the requirement for the councils to include members having development and large property owner interests. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN, JDC	SUPPORT
4	<a href="#">SB269</a>	<a href="#">HB410</a>	RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Appropriates moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2025, and ending on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
5	<a href="#">SB534</a>		RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Clarifies the process by which the Hawaii Community Development Authority may approve residential development on certain parcels of Kakaako Makai. Raises the building height limit and the maximum floor area ratio on certain parcels in the area. Requires a certain percentage of the residential units developed on certain parcels to be allocated to households at or below a certain income level in perpetuity, with priority given to certain essential workforce in the area. Limits the sale of residential units developed in certain residential developments to prospective owner-occupants. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to determine a Kakaako Makai association fee to be collected from residents, tenants, and lessees of certain parcels to be deposited into a special account in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Special Fund to fund various services and projects in the Kakaako Makai area. (SD1)	KIDANI, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, KEOHOKALO, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Kanuha, Wakai	WTL/HWN/HOU, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
6	<a href="#">HB409</a>	<a href="#">SB268</a>	RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS.	Decreases the size of the Island Burial Councils from 9 to 7 members. Removes the requirement for the councils to include members having development and large property owner interests.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
7	<a href="#">SB1600</a>		RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP.	Appropriates funds to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to hire necessary staff, purchase equipment, and retain professional services on behalf of the Public Land Trust Working Group.	INOUE	HWN/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT

**2025 Legislature:**  
**OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA**  
**Matrix 2**





2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB370</a>	<a href="#">SB256</a>	RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS.	Increases the amount of partial public campaign financing available for all elective offices. Adjusts the minimum amount of qualifying contributions certain candidates must receive to participate in the program. Increases the matching fund payments for excess qualifying contributions. Appropriates funds for the program and staff. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
2	<a href="#">SB3</a>		RELATING TO WATER.	Establishes a public trust purpose for the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent counsel. Repeals the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Establishes the Executive Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Administratively attaches the Commission on Water Resource Management to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Authorizes members of the Commission on Water Resource Management 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 ineligible to serve as chairperson. Authorizes entities to whom an emergency order is directed to challenge the order under certain conditions. Clarifies the notification requirements and contents of declarations of water shortages. Establishes fines. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUYE, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, Fevella	WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">SB51</a>		RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICE.	Establishes a comprehensive system of public financing for all candidates seeking election to state and county public offices in the State of Hawaii, to begin with the 2028 general election year. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	RHOADS, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Fevella, Ihara, Moriwaki	JDC, WAM	COMMENT
4	<a href="#">SB199</a>		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE.	Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to establish and maintain Native Hawaiian cultural centers within the State. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to construct one cultural center on Oahu by 2040. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' compliance with this Act. Appropriates funds for the planning and design of the first Native Hawaiian cultural center. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	FEVELLA, DECORTE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI	HWN, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
5	<a href="#">SB345</a>		RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING.	Raises the cap on the maximum amount of matching funds available to candidates for the Hawaii Partial Public Financing Program. Increases the cap on the amount of expenditures a candidate can make in the Program. Increases the matching fund ratio from \$1 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised by a candidate to \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying contributions raised in excess of the minimum qualifying contributions that a candidate must raise to participate in the Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	RHOADS, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, KIDANI	JDC, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
6	<a href="#">SB903</a>		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Establishes in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for administrative purposes only a claims review working group. Requires a report to the Legislature. Repeals the working group established pursuant to Act 226, SLH 2022. Appropriates moneys. (SD1)	KANUHA	HWN/WAM	COMMENT
7	<a href="#">SB848</a>	<a href="#">HB780</a>	RELATING TO DESALINATION.	Establishes a Desalination Planning Task Force to examine the feasibility of, and develop a plan and timeline for, the use desalination as a source of potable water in the State. (SD1)	KANUHA, AQUINO, CHANG, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Elefante	WTL, WAM	MONITOR



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2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
8	<a href="#">SB1578</a>		RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.	Establishes the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Allows the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish out-of-state offices and facilities to support sister-state and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners, generate revenue for the State, and buy property. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	LEE, C., CHANG, Richards	TCA/EDT, WAM	MONITOR
9	<a href="#">HB967</a>	<a href="#">SB1186</a>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.	Establishes the Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and the Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Department of Agriculture. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAHALOA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD	AGR, FIN	SUPPORT
10	<a href="#">HB1496</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Establishes the position of Ka Papahana Kaiapuni Program Complex Area Superintendent. Requires that at least one at-large member of the Board of Education be a proficient Hawaiian speaking educator, practitioner, or scholar of Hawaiian studies or the Hawaiian language, to be selected from a list of three nominees submitted by the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Clarifies the purpose and objective of the Hawaiian Language Medium Education Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KAHALOA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., MARTEN, MORIKAWA, MURAOKA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TARNAS	EDN, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
11	<a href="#">HB405</a>	<a href="#">SB272</a>	RELATING TO WATER.	Defines the public trust responsibilities of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission to retain independent legal counsel. Amends the scope of the Commission to include declaration of emergencies. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management and establishes the position of Executive Director. Amends the composition of the Commission. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
12	<a href="#">HB603</a>		RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BUSINESS MARKETING.	Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to convene a working group regarding program design, implementation, and long-term viability of a Native Hawaiian Marketing Program to promote and support the success of businesses owned by Hawaiians through marketing and technical assistance. Effective 7/1/3000.	KAHALOA, AMATO, HOLT, KAPELA, PERRUSO, POEPOE	JHA, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
13	<a href="#">HB663</a>		RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.	Authorizes the issuance of special number vehicle license plates commemorating the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	KILA, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, KAPELA, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, TAKENOUCHI	CAA, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
14	<a href="#">HB671</a>	<a href="#">SB1536</a>	RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.	Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify all legislative districts in the State in which at least twenty-five per cent of the population consists of Native Hawaiians. Designates these districts as Native Hawaiian notable districts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KILA, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, MATSUMOTO	ECD, JHA, FIN	COMMENT

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2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
15	HB1327		RELATING TO FEES.	Provides that any Hawaii-born or Native Hawaiian individual shall qualify for resident fees at state parks, regardless of where the individual currently resides; provided that the individual first presents to the Department of Land and Natural Resources certain documentation.	COCHRAN, IWAMOTO, PERRUSO	WAL, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
16	HB1476		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS.	Requires an environmental impact statement and consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for actions that propose any launch of a spacecraft from or reentry into state waters or the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.	MARTEN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, MATAYOSHI, MURAOKA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	EEP, JHA	COMMENT
17	SB4		RELATING TO THE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer the stewardship of the Royal Mausoleum, Mauna Ala, to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	INOUE	HWN/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
18	SB272	HB405	RELATING TO WATER.	Defines the public trust responsibilities of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission to retain independent legal counsel. Amends the scope of the Commission to include declaration of emergencies. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management and establishes the position of Executive Director. Amends the composition of the Commission. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
19	SB543		RELATING TO WATER.	Part I: Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator and other positions within the Commission on Water Resource Management for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature, Governor, and Mayor and City Council of the City and County of Honolulu. Appropriates funds. Part II: Allows the Commission of Water Resource Management to retain independent legal counsel. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission and establishes the position of Executive Director of the Commission. Amends the composition of the Commission and administratively attaches it to DLNR. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses. Amends the Commission's authority to declare water emergencies and issue orders to address them and declare water shortages and related notice requirements. Specifies that the nominating committee of the Commission shall include one person appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	GABBARD, AQUINO, CHANG, KIDANI, Richards	WTL/EIG, WAM/JDC	SUPPORT
20	SB1193	HB305	RELATING TO LAND RESTORATION.	Creates the Aloha Aina Land Trust to rehabilitate and manage lands transferred by the United States military to the State after the leases for those lands expires. Appropriates funds.	GABBARD	WTL/PSM, WAM/JDC	COMMENT
21	SB1275		RELATING TO STATE-OWNED HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND INHERITED LANDS.	Establishes the State-Owned Historic Properties Preservation Plan Working Group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to ensure the preservation of state-owned historic properties and inherited lands. Requires reports to the Legislature.	KANUHA, CHANG, RHOADS, San Buenaventura	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT

2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
22	SB1301		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Establishes conditions under which archaeological inventory surveys and reconnaissance surveys are required. Establishes conditions under which archaeological permits may be issued and revoked and the practice of archaeology may be temporarily revoked. Modifies the composition and operations of island burial councils. Modifies procedures upon the inadvertent discovery of burial sites.	KEOHOKALOLE	WTL/HWN, JDC	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

## **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust Matrix 3**



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## 2025 Package Bills Matrix



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### 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust - Matrix 3

Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB528</a>	<a href="#">SB77</a>	RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL LEASEHOLDS.	Exempts state and county lands leased after July 1, 2025, for an initial period of no less than ninety-nine years from state law governing residential leaseholds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MIYAKE, LAMOSAO	HSG, WAL, JHA	COMMENT
2	<a href="#">HB1141</a>	<a href="#">SB1460</a>	RELATING TO UPDATING PUBLIC LAND LEASES ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.	Requires that lease extensions approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources be drafted on forms that reflect contemporary leasing practices and policies of the Board, and which shall control over conflicting or inconsistent provisions in the lease being extended. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA	HIGH MONITOR
3	<a href="#">HB1348</a>	<a href="#">SB1517</a>	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.	Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands for recreational-residential use by public lottery and restrict participation in the public lottery to residents of the county in which the leased land is located. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MORIKAWA, EVSLIN, IWAMOTO, LAMOSAO, MIYAKE, NAKAMURA	WAL, JHA	HIGH MONITOR
4	<a href="#">SB242</a>	<a href="#">HB192</a>	RELATING TO FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.	Prohibits foreign entities from owning, leasing, or holding a controlling interest in more than an unspecified number of acres of agricultural land. Limits the lease term for agricultural land by foreign entities. Requires foreign entities that own or lease interest in agricultural lands to file an annual report with the Department of Agriculture. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	GABBARD, AWA, Moriwaki	AEN/TCA, JDC/WAM	HIGH MONITOR
5	<a href="#">SB739</a>		RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE.	Allows the Governor to negotiate land exchanges to acquire lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange for land for private affordable housing development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Elefante	WTL/AEN, WAM	OPPOSE

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2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust - Matrix 3							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
6	<a href="#">SB1460</a>	<a href="#">HB1141</a>	RELATING TO UPDATING PUBLIC LAND LEASES ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.	Requires that lease extensions approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources be drafted on forms that reflect contemporary leasing practices and policies of the Board, and which shall control over conflicting or inconsistent provisions in the lease being extended.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL, WAM	MONITOR
7	<a href="#">HB1307</a>		RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for water well development for geophysical investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HOLT, EVSLIN, KAHALOA, KUSCH, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, SOUZA, TARNAS, Kila	EEP, JHA, FIN	MONITOR
8	<a href="#">SB439</a>		RELATING TO FEES.	Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules to impose user fees that apply solely to nonresidents visiting state parks and trails, as selected by the Board. (SD1)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kanuha, San Buenaventura, Wakai	WAM	COMMENT
9	<a href="#">HB293</a>		RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND TRUST REVENUES.	Requires that all moneys in the pro rata portion of the Public Land Trust be transferred to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	GARCIA, ALCOS, MATSUMOTO, MURAOKA, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, WARD	WAL, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
10	<a href="#">HB305</a>	<a href="#">SB1193</a>	RELATING TO LAND RESTORATION.	Creates the Aloha Aina Land Trust to rehabilitate and manage lands transferred by the United States military to the State after the leases for those lands expires. Appropriates funds.	POEPOE, AMATO, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TODD	WAL, JHA, FIN	COMMENT
11	<a href="#">HB317</a>	<a href="#">SB590</a>	RELATING TO THE STATE PARKS SPECIAL FUND.	Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to expend the moneys from the State Parks Special Fund for programs aimed at environmental protection.	HASHEM	WAL, EEP, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
12	<a href="#">SB6</a>		RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.	Clarifies that the Board of Land and Natural Resources" authority shall supersede the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority for all lands designated under the state conservation district; provided that the Board of Land and Natural Resources upholds its affirmative and non-transferable duty to protect the traditional and customary rights of native Hawaiians as articulated in the Hawaii State Constitution. Clarifies that the natural resource management enforcement and emergency response over Mauna Kea lands shall remain the responsibility of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Takes effect 7/1/2026.	INOUE, CHANG	WTL/HWN, JDC	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
13	<a href="#">SB535</a>	<a href="#">SB1188</a>	RELATING TO FEDERAL LAND.	Establishes an Advisory Committee convened by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Health to inventory lands owned by the United States government which may be reasonably transferred back to the State and to make recommendations on relevant land conditions and appropriateness of potential transfer. Requires reports to the Legislature.	GABBARD, CHANG, KIDANI, Hashimoto, San Buenaventura	WTL/HHS, JDC	SUPPORT
14	<a href="#">SB590</a>	<a href="#">HB317</a>	RELATING TO THE STATE PARKS SPECIAL FUND.	Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to expend the moneys from the State Parks Special Fund for programs aimed at environmental protection.	WAKAI, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Elefante, Hashimoto, Kanuha	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
15	<a href="#">SB769</a>	<a href="#">HB143</a>	RELATING TO MAUNA KEA.	Amends the conservation district use permit application, approval, and oversight responsibilities of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, and lessees. Provides that certain conservation district use permits that are in effect as of 7/1/2028, to which the University of Hawaii is a permittee or other named party, shall not be transferred to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.	RICHARDS, CHANG	WTL, JDC	OPPOSE

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16	SB1188	SB535	RELATING TO FEDERAL LAND.	Establishes an Advisory Committee convened by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Health to inventory lands owned by the United States government which may be reasonably transferred back to the State and to make recommendations on relevant land conditions and appropriateness of potential transfer. Requires reports to the Legislature.	GABBARD, SAN BUENAVENTURA	WTL/EIG/HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
17	HB1318		RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Removes from the definition of "public lands" lands set aside by the Governor to the counties for the purpose of affordable housing. Specifies that lands set aside by the Governor to the counties for affordable housing require legislative approval for the sale or gift of such lands. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EVSLIN, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA	HSG, WAL, FIN	COMMENT



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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Status	Position
1	<a href="#">HB86</a>		RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Makai Watch Coordinator position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	POEPOE, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, ICHİYAMA, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA	WAL, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB309</a>		RELATING TO FISHPONDS.	Establishes a fishpond inventory working group within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to create an inventory and map of all fishponds on state land and conduct a literature review. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	POEPOE, AMATO, CHUN, EVSLIN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, MARTEN, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TARNAS, TODD	WAL, HED, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">HB428</a>	<a href="#">SB1250</a>	RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES.	Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Families Program to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature prior to the Regular Sessions of 2026 and 2027. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, HOLT, HUSSEY, ICHİYAMA, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KITAGAWA, KONG, KUSCH, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TEMPLO, TODD, WOODSON, YAMASHITA	AGR, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB505</a>	<a href="#">SB150</a>	RELATING TO RED HILL.	Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ICHIYAMA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, HUSSEY, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SAYAMA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, TODD	WAL, EEP, FIN	SUPPORT
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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Status	Position
5	<a href="#">HB661</a>		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.	Permits, except in certain circumstances, a previously authorized activity challenged as being subject to environmental review to continue while the applicable agency or applicant conducts an environmental assessment, prepares an environmental impact statement, or determines whether the activity is exempt. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HASHEM	EEP/WAL, JHA	OPPOSE
	<a href="#">HB969</a>		RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	QUINLAN, AMATO, BELATTI, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KUSCH, LOWEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAM, TODD	EEP, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
7	<a href="#">SB446</a>		RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.	Beginning 7/1/2025, prohibits landfills in no pass zones, which are areas determined by the county where the installation of a landfill unit may contaminate groundwater. Requires counties to identify no pass zones in county integrated solid waste management plans. Prohibits the utilization of fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor, including any ash residue that remains after removal of metals for recycling into new metal products, for the purposes of road building, construction, or as alternative daily cover material on a landfill. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	DELA CRUZ	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB252</a>		RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Clarifies that the importation of any item or material infested or infected with an insect or other animal, disease, or other pest is prohibited. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to inspect any item imported or moved into the State from another part of the continental United States or between the Hawaiian Islands. Prohibits the sale of merchandise that a seller knows is infested or infected with a pest. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to compel the quarantine, treatment, or destruction of certain materials. Clarifies penalties for violations. (SD1)	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kidani	AEN/CPN, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
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9	<a href="#">SB19</a>	<a href="#">HB913</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Appropriates funds to establish positions within the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUYE	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB438</a>		RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility for hazardous waste or solid waste on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health, in consultation with the Commission on Water Resource Management. Prohibits waste or disposal facility on class A and B agricultural land. Prohibits the use of fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor, including any ash residue that remains after removal of metals for recycling into new metal products, for the purposes of road building, construction, or as alternative daily cover material on a landfill. Requires fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor to be disposed of in a double-lined and duly licensed municipal solid waste or hazardous waste landfill. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	DELA CRUZ, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kim	HHS/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
10	<a href="#">SB548</a>	<a href="#">HB299</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.	Appropriates funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and Hawaii Invasive Species Council to ensure their long-term viability and continue to control and eradicate invasive species in the State. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)	GABBARD, AQUINO, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Richards	WTL/AEN, WAM	HIGH MONITOR
	<a href="#">SB565</a>		RELATING TO POLOLU VALLEY MANAGEMENT EFFORTS ON HAWAII ISLAND.	Appropriates moneys for Pololu Valley management, including for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop the trailhead; develop the infrastructure necessary to accommodate parking; install appropriate informational, historical, and educational signage; design and construct restroom facilities; and establish positions to manage the trail area. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	RICHARDS, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, Hashimoto, San Buenaventura	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
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13	<a href="#">SB614</a>		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.	Establishes "La Kuokoa", or Hawaiian Independence Day, as a state holiday to be observed annually on November 28th. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	FEVELLA, CHANG, FUKUNAGA	TCA/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB1003</a>	<a href="#">HB685</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the purchase of a land parcel in Kau for agricultural development. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KANUHA, RICHARDS	EDT, WAM	SUPPORT
14							
15	<a href="#">SB1074</a>		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.	Allows a previously authorized or permitted commercial activity or operations to continue operation while the appropriate agency determines whether the activity or operation is subject to or exempt from the environmental review process when challenged. Allows a person with oversight of a previously authorized or permitted commercial activity to renew the appropriate permits while under the environmental review process. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUYE, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, Richards, San Buenaventura	WTL/AEN, JDC	OPPOSE
16	<a href="#">SB1084</a>	<a href="#">HB913</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Appropriates funds to establish positions within the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUYE	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
17	<a href="#">SB890</a>		RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION.	Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, display, or marketing for sale of any product labeled as "poi" unless the product is wholly derived from taro (kalo) that is grown within the State. (SD1)	KANUHA	CPN/EDT	SUPPORT
18	<a href="#">SB504</a>		RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes a Local Agriculture Transportation Cost Reimbursement Program within the Department of Agriculture to reimburse eligible ranchers and farmers a portion of their costs to transport livestock, livestock products, agricultural commodities, and certain supplies, under certain conditions. Establishes a position to administer the Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	RICHARDS, CHANG, DECOITE, DECORTE, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, MCKELVEY	AEN, WAM	SUPPORT

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Status	Position
19	<a href="#">HB892</a>		RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL RESTRICTIONS.	Establishes limitations on geographical restrictions provided as a condition of probation.	TARNAS	JHA	OPPOSE
20	<a href="#">HB685</a>	<a href="#">SB1003</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the Agribusiness Development Corporation to purchase a land parcel in Kau on the county of Hawaii for agricultural development. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAPELA	AGR, FIN	SUPPORT
21	<a href="#">HB643</a>	<a href="#">SB686</a>	RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM.	Establishes short-term management initiatives for the coconut rhinoceros beetle response program. Appropriates funds for activities and positions related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	MARTEN, AMATO, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MATSUMOTO, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, QUINLAN, REYES ODA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TODD, WARD	AGR, HED, FIN	SUPPORT
22	<a href="#">HB299</a>	<a href="#">SB548</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.	Appropriates funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to ensure their long-term viability and continue to control and eradicate invasive species in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAHALOA, BELATTI, CHUN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD	WAL, AGR, FIN	HIGH MONITOR
23	<a href="#">HB85</a>		RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND.	Sets the amount of conveyance tax revenues to be paid into the Land Conservation Fund to a certain per cent or monetary cap, whichever is less, of conveyance taxes collected each fiscal year. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	POEPOE, BELATTI, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KUSCH, MARTEN, PERRUSO, SOUZA	WAL/EEP, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
24	<a href="#">HB658</a>		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.	Clarifies the scope of an action subject to environmental review.	HASHEM	EEP, JHA	OPPOSE

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25	HB752	SB673	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FEES.	Effective 7/1/2027, establishes the Environmental Stewardship Fee Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, through which the Department will collect a fee from visitors for a license to visit a state park, forest, hiking trail, or other state natural area. Establishes the Environmental Stewardship Fee Special Fund effective 7/1/2025. Allocates a certain amount of transient accommodations tax revenues to the special fund. Requires report to the Legislature on strategic plan and timetable for objectives and implementation of the environmental stewardship fee program. Appropriates funds for the environmental stewardship fee strategic plan and positions for the Environmental Stewardship Fee Program.	PERRUSO, AMATO, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, LA CHICA, LOWEN, MARTEN, MORIKAWA, PIERICK, POEPOE, SOUZA, TARNAS, TODD	TOU/WAL, FIN	COMMENT
	SB673	HB752	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FEES.	Effective 7/1/2027, establishes the Environmental Stewardship Fee Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, through which the Department will collect a fee from visitors for a license to visit a state park, forest, hiking trail, or other state natural area. Establishes the Environmental Stewardship Fee Special Fund effective 7/1/2025. Allocates a certain amount of transient accommodations tax revenues to the special fund. Requires report to the Legislature on strategic plan and timetable for objectives and implementation of the environmental stewardship fee program. Appropriates funds for the environmental stewardship fee strategic plan and positions for the Environmental Stewardship Fee Program.	GABBARD, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, RHOADS	WTL/EDT, WAM/JDC	COMMENT
27	SB1021	HB49	RELATING TO WILDLIFE.	Bans the keeping or breeding of cetaceans in captivity except in certain circumstances.	LEE, C., KIDANI, RHOADS, Hashimoto	WTL/AEN, CPN/JDC	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB89</a>		RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING.	Establishes the Teacher Home Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers. Appropriates funds out of the Teachers" Housing Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	POEPOE, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KILA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAM, TARNAS	HSG, EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
2	<a href="#">HB431</a>		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Appropriates funds for the continued operation of the Kauhale Initiative and authorizes those funds to be used for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Establishes and appropriates funds into and out of the Supportive Housing Special Fund. Effective 6/29/3000. (HD2)	NAKAMURA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, HOLT, HUSSEY, ICHiyAMA, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KITAGAWA, KONG, KUSCH, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TEMPLO, TODD, WOODSON, YAMASHITA	HSH, HSG, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">HB1294</a>	<a href="#">SB498</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING.	Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAHALOA	HSG, AGR, FIN	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
4	<a href="#">SB26</a>	<a href="#">HB1451</a>	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Establishes the Affordable Housing Land Inventory Task Force within the Hawaii Community Development Authority to update the Affordable Rental Housing Report and Ten-Year Plan maps, tier tables, and inventories of state lands suitable and available for affordable housing development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Gabbard, Wakai	HOU/WTL, WAM	COMMENT

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5	<a href="#">SB498</a>	<a href="#">HB1294</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING.	Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	RICHARDS, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, San Buenaventura	AEN, WAM	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
6	<a href="#">SB749</a>		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires rental housing projects to maintain, in perpetuity, fifty per cent of the project's units for certain low-income tenants to be eligible for assistance under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's rental assistance program.	MCKELVEY, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, MORIWAKI	HOU, WAM	SUPPORT
7	<a href="#">SB878</a>	<a href="#">HB703</a>	RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.	Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028.	MORIWAKI, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RHOADS, Ihara	HOU/HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
8	<a href="#">SB1200</a>	<a href="#">HB1317</a>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING.	Establishes the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Establishes an Advisory Council within the Workforce Housing Regulatory Sandbox Program to advise on environmental and cultural practices within specific developments. Establishes a position. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2030. (SD1)	KANUHA	HOU, WAM	MONITOR
9	<a href="#">HB286</a>		RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM.	Increases the maximum annual deduction for contributions to, and maximum account levels for, individual housing accounts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MATSUMOTO, ALCOS, GARCIA, MURAOKA, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, WARD	HSG, FIN	MONITOR

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10	<a href="#">HB606</a>		RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS.	Extends the Act 279 Special Fund to 6/30/2028. Deposits funds into and appropriates funds out of the Act 279 Special Fund to eliminate its waitlist. Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to submit a strategic plan detailing the anticipated uses of the funds appropriated. Requires an annual report. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	POEPOE, AMATO, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAHALOA, KAPELA, LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS	HSG, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
11	<a href="#">HB703</a>	<a href="#">SB878</a>	RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.	Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CHUN, AMATO, BELATTI, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, ICHIIYAMA, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, REYES ODA, SAYAMA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
12	<a href="#">SB491</a>	<a href="#">HB740</a>	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes the Accessory Dwelling Unit Financing and Deed Restriction Program to be administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to allocate funds to the counties for the purchase of equity for eligible homeowners or homebuyers to finance construction costs, development costs, and non-reoccurring closing costs associated with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit and purchase deed restrictions on such property. Exempts the conveyance tax for certain properties for taxable years beginning on 1/1/2026. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CHANG	HOU, WAM	SUPPORT
13	<a href="#">HB739</a>	<a href="#">SB490</a>	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes the Kamaaina Homes Program to provide funding to the counties to purchase voluntary deed restrictions from eligible homeowners or homebuyers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EVSLIN, MIYAKE	HSG, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT

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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
14	HB761	SB161	RELATING TO COUNTY PERMITTING AND INSPECTION.	Exempts state projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements under certain conditions. Requires counties to accept the dedication of state projects exempt from the county permitting process. Prohibits state agencies responsible for state projects exempt from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements from applying for county building permits. Defines building permit, state agency, state lands, and state project.	KILA, EVSLIN, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, MORIKAWA, OLDS, TODD	HSG, JHA, FIN	MONITOR
15	HB1306	SB843	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes the Kupuna Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.	IWAMOTO, COCHRAN, GRANDINETTI, KUSCH, MURAOKA, PERRUSO, SOUZA, TAM, TEMPLO	HSG, CPC, FIN	MONITOR
16	HB1309	SB1654	RELATING TO LAND TRANSFERS.	Authorizes the transfer of certain lands under the jurisdiction of certain state agencies to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.	HOLT, KAHALOA, LAMOSAO, TARNAS	WAL, JHA	MONITOR
17	SB120	HB1	RELATING TO BUILDING CODES.	Amends responsibilities of the State Building Code Council.	HASHIMOTO, CHANG, INOUE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA	PSM, WAM	MONITOR
18	SB159		RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES.	Exempts certain housing developments from assessments of school impact fees.	CHANG, HASHIMOTO	HOU/EDU, WAM	MONITOR

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19	SB211		RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Allows the raising of the building height limit for 2 of the 5 parcels owned by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the Kakaako Makai area to 400 feet. Lifts the current restriction against residential development on the 5 OHA-owned parcels in Kakaako Makai to allow residential development by OHA or by third parties to which OHA conveys the parcels. Requires OHA and any developer to provide written notice to any tenant or resident of potential aircraft related nuisances before entering into a lease, and to assess and propose mitigation efforts to address aircraft related nuisances in development plans and proposals.	FEVELLA, CHANG, Richards	WTL/HWN/HOU/TCA, JDC/WAM	MONITOR
20	SB306		RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.	Prohibits a landlord from recovering possession of a dwelling unit from a tenant if the habitability of the premises is significantly impaired. Caps a tenant's liability for rent if the habitability of the premises is significantly impaired. Provides remedies for retaliatory evictions.	RHOADS, CHANG, MCKELVEY	CPN, JDC	MONITOR
21	SB347		RELATING TO LANDLORD-TENANT LAW.	Authorizes a tenant to change the date on which the tenant's rent is due by making a one-time payment to cover the period between the original due date and the newly established due date. Clarifies that a landlord may only assess a late fee on any unpaid rent and not the entire monthly rent. Reduces the maximum amount of a late charge for unpaid rent from 8% of the unpaid amount to 5% of the unpaid amount. Specifies that if rent is increased, the landlord may also proportionately increase the amount due as a security deposit; provided that a continuing or renewing tenant shall have at least 30 days to pay the additional amount due. Makes conforming amendments.	RHOADS	CPN, JDC	MONITOR

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1	<a href="#">HB129</a>		RELATING TO YOUTH FEES AND FINES.	Prohibits the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who was adjudicated for an offense committed during the person's minority, or against the person's parent or guardian, and discharges all related debt obligations assessed before the effective date of the Act. Limits court-ordered community service for a minor to no more than seventy-two hours. Repeals certain penalties imposed on parents, guardians, or other persons associated with unaccompanied children in streets and unmarried minors in dance halls. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	TARNAS, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA	HSH, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB146</a>	<a href="#">SB781</a>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY'S OLELO HAWAII INITIATIVES.	Appropriates funds to the Judiciary to support the Olelo Hawaii Initiatives. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TARNAS, BELATTI, CHUN, EVSLIN, GARCIA, GARRETT, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KITAGAWA, MARTEN, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, WARD	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">HB557</a>	<a href="#">SB1281</a>	RELATING TO TELEHEALTH.	Extends the sunset date of Act 107, SLH 2023, which allows for the reimbursement of services provided through telehealth via an interactive telecommunications system, until 12/31/2026. (HD2)	CHUN, GRANDINETTI, KAHALOA, KITAGAWA, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TARNAS, TODD	HLT, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB610</a>		RELATING TO COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS.	Establishes and appropriates funds for a Cold Case Investigation Unit within the Department of the Attorney General. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	SOUZA, AMATO, COCHRAN, IWAMOTO, PERRUSO, POEPOE	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
5	<a href="#">HB617</a>	<a href="#">SB119</a>	RELATING TO NURSING.	Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WOODSON, MIYAKE, POEPOE	HED, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB689</a>	<a href="#">SB292</a>	RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.	Establishes safe harbor protections for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAPELA, GRANDINETTI, MARTEN, PIERICK, QUINLAN	HSH, JHA	SUPPORT

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7	<a href="#">HB714</a>	<a href="#">SB294</a>	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.	Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce, including health care certificate programs and classroom renovations for health care training in public high schools and education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TAKAYAMA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, SAYAMA, SOUZA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TODD, WARD	HLT, EDN/ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB784</a>	<a href="#">SB569</a>	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Makes an appropriation for the operation of an additional ambulance for the island of Hawaii to be based in Makalei. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LOWEN, KAHALOA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KUSCH, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS, TODD	HLT, FIN	SUPPORT
8	<a href="#">HB900</a>	<a href="#">SB1228</a>	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.	Establishes a working group for legal services for youth in the child welfare system within the Judiciary. Appropriates funds for the working group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	MARTEN, AMATO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, LAMOSAO, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM	HSH, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB905</a>		RELATING TO AMBULANCES.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase of one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui, fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, and increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WOODSON, AMATO, MIYAKE, POEPOE	HLT, FIN	SUPPORT
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10	<a href="#">HB957</a>	<a href="#">SB1101</a>	RELATING TO LAULAU DAY.	Designates the first Friday in May of each year as "Laulau Day" in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KILA, LEE, M., MARTEN	CAA, JHA	SUPPORT



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11	<a href="#">HB1002</a>	<a href="#">SB1321</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.	Beginning July 1, 2025, extends the term of the Oversight Coordinator for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Authorizes the Hawaii Correctional System Commission to review the Coordinator's performance and make a recommendation to the Governor as to whether the Coordinator should be retained. Clarifies that the Oversight Coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB1300</a>		RELATING TO CANCER.	Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nanakuli, Oahu. Requires the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to seek federal funding to complete the study. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KILA, CHUN, GARRETT, KAHALOA, LAMOSAO, QUINLAN	HLT, HED, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB1382</a>		RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.	Appropriates funds for the Department of Human Services to contract with a non-profit specializing in domestic violence to provide training and staff to be housed on-site in Child Welfare Services Branch offices to support all aspects of screening for and addressing domestic violence within a case. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MARTEN, AMATO, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, TEMPLO	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT

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14	<a href="#">SB104</a>	<a href="#">HB1322</a>	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.	Restricts the use of restrictive housing in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain specified exceptions. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop written policies and procedures regarding restrictive housing by 7/1/2026. Requires the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to review certain housing placements. Requires the Department to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in restrictive housing and develop a plan for committed persons currently in restrictive housing by 4/1/2026. Requires a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Effective 7/1/2077. (SD1)	ELEFANTE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, LEE, C., SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	PSM, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB119</a>	<a href="#">HB617</a>	RELATING TO NURSING.	Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HASHIMOTO, DECOITE, FEVELLA, KIM, MCKELVEY	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
15	<a href="#">SB193</a>		RELATING TO CRIME.	Specifies that the penalty for sex trafficking shall be payment of a fine of no less than \$50,000 but no more than \$100,000, and a definite term of imprisonment of up to 20 years without the possibility of a suspended sentence, probation, or parole. Provides that consent to sexual conduct is not a defense. Defines "sexual conduct". Provides that a minor who reports that the minor is a victim of sex trafficking shall not be subject to criminal liability.	FEVELLA, AQUINO, DECORTE, KIM, Awa	JDC	SUPPORT
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17	<a href="#">SB224</a>	<a href="#">HB677</a>	RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with various agencies and upon request of the inmates, to assist inmates in obtaining the inmates' civil identification card, birth certificate, social security card, and other relevant identification necessary for successful reentry into society, as soon as practicable. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to initiate the process of obtaining identifying documents for inmates released to work furlough, extended furlough, or community placement programs, by providing the forms necessary for the inmate to obtain civil identification cards and other identifying documents to the inmate as soon as practicable.	ELEFANTE, AQUINO, CHANG, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA, WAKAI, Fukunaga, Hashimoto, Moriwaki	PSM, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB292</a>	<a href="#">HB689</a>	RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.	Establishes safe harbor protections for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance.	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, Fukunaga, Kidani, Moriwaki, Wakai	JDC	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB351</a>	<a href="#">HB1284</a>	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Requires quarterly rather than annual reporting of all use of restricted use pesticides. Amends the contents of reports to include specific geospatial data and information and increased detail on the amount of restricted use pesticides used. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides.	RHOADS, GABBARD	AEN, CPN/WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
	<a href="#">SB352</a>	<a href="#">HB1285</a>	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to use consistent units of measurement in its summary to the public on the amounts of restricted use pesticides applied. Establishes a one-half mile buffer zone for pesticides around schools during normal school hours and state and county public parks. (SD1)	RHOADS, GABBARD	AEN, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT

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21	<a href="#">SB487</a>	<a href="#">HB726</a>	RELATING TO A STATEWIDE DATA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE AND DECISION INTELLIGENCE CENTER.	Establishes and appropriates funds for a data and artificial intelligence governance and decision intelligence center and necessary positions to improve data quality and data sharing statewide.	CHANG	LBT, WAM	HIGH MONITOR
	<a href="#">SB544</a>		RELATING TO SENTENCING OF MINOR DEFENDANTS.	Requires courts to consider certain factors when sentencing a person convicted as an adult for an offense that the person committed when the person was a minor. Allows courts to reduce a mandatory minimum period of incarceration or depart from a mandatory sentencing enhancement if the court determines that the reduction or departure is warranted given certain factors.	GABBARD, CHANG, KIDANI, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA	JDC	SUPPORT
22							
23	<a href="#">SB557</a>		RELATING TO HEALTH.	Requires Huli Au Ola to conduct a study on physician and dentist recruitment and retention to serve the island of Molokai. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	DECOITE, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, MCKELVEY, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Gabbard	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
24	<a href="#">SB694</a>		RELATING TO THE DETENTION OF MINORS.	Prohibits minors from being held in jails, lockups, or prisons for adults.	GABBARD, CHANG	JDC	SUPPORT
25	<a href="#">SB742</a>	<a href="#">HB665</a>	RELATING TO DATA SHARING.	Establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Requires the Working Group to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	DELA CRUZ	LBT, WAM	SUPPORT
26	<a href="#">SB781</a>	<a href="#">HB146</a>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY'S OLELO HAWAII INITIATIVES.	Appropriates funds to support the Olelo Hawaii Initiatives. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	RHOADS, Richards	JDC/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
27	<a href="#">SB1228</a>	HB900 HB1381	RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.	Establishes a working group for legal services for youth in the child welfare system within the Judiciary. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the working group. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	RHOADS, AQUINO, San Buenaventura	HHS/JDC, WAM	SUPPORT

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28	<a href="#">SB1281</a>	<a href="#">HB557</a>	RELATING TO TELEHEALTH.	Updates the State's laws on telehealth services to conform with federal Medicare regulations. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to report to the Legislature on reimbursements claimed in the previous year for certain telehealth services. Repeals the sunset date of Act 107, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, MCKELVEY, Moriwaki, San Buenaventura	HHS, CPN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB1304</a>	<a href="#">HB985</a>	RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
29	<a href="#">SB1321</a>	<a href="#">HB1002</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.	Beginning July 1, 2025, extends the term of the oversight coordinator for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Clarifies that the Oversight Coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	PSM, JDC	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB1445</a>	<a href="#">HB1126</a>	RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.	Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the child and adolescent mental health division of the department of health shall develop and make publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
30	<a href="#">SB1445</a>	<a href="#">HB1126</a>	RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.	Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the child and adolescent mental health division of the department of health shall develop and make publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
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31	<a href="#">SB1445</a>	<a href="#">HB1126</a>	RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH.	Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the child and adolescent mental health division of the department of health shall develop and make publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
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32	<a href="#">HB111</a>		RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.	Authorizes civil claims to be made against a person, business, business owner, or business operator that profits from sexual exploitation or sex trafficking. Extends the statute of limitations for civil claims related to sexual exploitation or sex trafficking to ten years.	ICHIYAMA	JHA	MONITOR
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33	<a href="#">HB239</a>	<a href="#">SB1104</a>	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.	Amends the definition of "child abuse or neglect" by clarifying that the failure to provide certain needs to a child shall not constitute child abuse or neglect if the sole reason the person responsible for the care of the child is unable to adequately provide for the child"s care is due to a lack of financial resources. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MARTEN, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, ICHIIYAMA, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM	HSH, JHA	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB665</a>	<a href="#">SB742</a>	RELATING TO DATA SHARING.	Establishes a data sharing and governance working group within the office of enterprise technology services. Appropriates funds.	KILA, CHUN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, QUINLAN, TAKAYAMA, TODD, WARD	ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">HB726</a>	<a href="#">SB487</a>	RELATING TO A STATEWIDE DATA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE AND DECISION INTELLIGENCE CENTER.	Establishes and appropriates funds for a data and artificial intelligence governance and decision intelligence center and necessary positions to improve data quality and data sharing statewide.	HUSSEY, AMATO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, KAPELA, PERRUSO	ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
36	<a href="#">SB1194</a>		RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.	Prohibits any person from engaging in any activity that has the intent and effect of distracting drivers along streets, roadways, or other public property within one hundred feet of an intersection.	LEE, C., CHANG	TCA, JDC	COMMENT
37	<a href="#">SB1399</a>	<a href="#">HB1080</a>	RELATING TO FAMILY RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM.	Establishes the Family Resilience Pilot Program within the Office of Wellness and Resilience and appropriates funds to execute the program, including the contracting of services. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. Repeals 6/30/2030. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
38	<a href="#">SB1442</a>	<a href="#">HB1123</a>	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.	Clarifies and updates the responsibilities of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to reflect the current mental health systems of care that address the mental health needs of children and adolescents in the State. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT

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39	HB609		RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.	Requires the posting of informational placards on sex trafficking and resources available to victims, in public buildings and at other specified locations. Requires the Department of Human Services to develop and make available a model placard. Requires the Department of Education to train teachers, school administrators, and other school personnel on the dynamics of sex trafficking and strategies for prevention and response. Requires and appropriates moneys for the Department of the Attorney General to develop and implement public education and outreach events on the dynamics of sex trafficking and the importance of community involvement in prevention and response efforts.	SOUZA, COCHRAN, IWAMOTO, MIYAKE, PERRUSO	HSH/EDN, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	HB641		RELATING TO HEALTH.	Beginning 1/1/2026, requires health insurers and mutual benefit societies to provide coverage for traditional native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through a Federally Qualified Health Center or a Native Hawaiian Health Care System.	MARTEN, GARCIA, KAHALOA, LEE, M., MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TODD	HLT, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT
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41	HB1284	SB351	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Requires quarterly rather than annual reporting of all use of restricted use pesticides. Amends the contents of reports to include specific geospatial data and information and increased detail on the amount of restricted use pesticides used. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides.	LOWEN	AGR, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
	HB1285	SB352	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to use consistent units of measurement in its summary to the public on the amounts of restricted use pesticides used. Establishes a one-half mile buffer zone for pesticides around schools and state and county public parks.	LOWEN	AGR, CPC	SUPPORT
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43	HB1322	SB104	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.	Restricts the use of solitary confinement in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain specified exceptions. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop written policies and procedures regarding solitary confinement by 7/1/2026. Requires the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to review certain housing placements. Requires the Department to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in solitary confinement and develop a plan for committed persons currently in solitary confinement by 4/1/2026. Requires a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Effective 7/1/2026.	HASHEM, POEPOE	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	HB1328		RELATING TO MIDWIVES.	Continues a licensing scheme for licensed certified midwives and licensed certified professional midwives, to be overseen by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Reestablishes the home birth task force to provide recommendations on issues related to home births. Dissolves the task force on 6/30/2026. Requires reports to the Legislature.	COCHRAN, AMATO, BELATTI, GARCIA, HUSSEY, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KONG, MATSUMOTO, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA	HLT/CPC, FIN	SUPPORT
	HB1342		RELATING TO OFFENDER REENTRY PROGRAMS.	Expands programming and training for the comprehensive offender re-entry program under the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to reduce the rate of recidivism and increase inmate marketability and workforce readiness. Appropriates funds.	SHIMIZU, AMATO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KUSCH, LA CHICA, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, OLDS, PIERICK, TAKAYAMA, WARD	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
	HB1357		RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.	Establishes and appropriates moneys for a Missing Indigenous Person Alert program to help locate indigenous persons who are missing and thought to be in danger.	SOUZA, IWAMOTO, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAM, Belatti	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT



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47	SB12		RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.	Classifies neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides and establishes a list of chemicals that shall belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals. Prohibits the sale or use of seeds coated or treated with neonicotinoid pesticides. Requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules that identify and regulate the most harmful neonicotinoid pesticide formulations and develop guidelines for safer alternatives.	INOUE, CHANG, MCKELVEY	AEN, CPN/WAM	SUPPORT
	SB274	HB407	RELATING TO MIDWIVES.	Establishes a licensing scheme for licensed certified midwives and licensed certified professional midwives, to be overseen by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Reestablishes the home birth task force to provide recommendations on issues related to home births. Dissolves the task force on 6/30/2026. Requires reports to the Legislature.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS/CPN, WAM/JDC	SUPPORT
49	SB453		RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.	Requires the Department of Education to offer training for teachers, educational officers, and school-based behavioral health specialists on sex trafficking prevention and response.	RHOADS	EDU/HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
50	SB589	HB784	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Makes an appropriation for the operation of an additional ambulance for the island of Hawaii to be based in Makalei.	RICHARDS, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, INOUE, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, San Buenaventura	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
51	SB623		RELATING TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH.	Requires the State Council on Mental Health to include an unspecified number of members with demonstrated knowledge of or work experience involving native Hawaiian health practices. Requires council members to receive annual training on topics related to native Hawaiian healing and health.	FEVELLA, AQUINO, GABBARD, San Buenaventura	HHS/HWN, JDC	SUPPORT

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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
52	<a href="#">SB715</a>		RELATING TO MEDICAID.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to achieve full funding status, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid home- and community-based services.	AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Gabbard	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
	<a href="#">SB991</a>		RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.	Requires the Department of Health to conduct a study on the adequacy of long-term care on the island of Molokai. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	DECOITE (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
54	<a href="#">SB1004</a>	<a href="#">HB688</a>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.	Requires the Department of Health to establish and administer a three-year Rural Community Health Worker Pilot Program that enables community health workers to provide outreach, education, training, and navigation to individuals residing in rural communities in the State and address social determinants of health. Appropriates funds.	KANUHA, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

## **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education Matrix 7**



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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB89</a>		RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING.	Establishes the Teacher Home Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers. Appropriates funds out of the Teachers" Housing Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	POEPOE, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KILA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAM, TARNAS	HSG, EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
2	<a href="#">HB98</a>		RELATING TO AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENTS.	Authorizes public school complexes to use authentic assessments as part of classroom-based performance assessments. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	PERRUSO, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, MARTEN, OLDS, PIERICK, POEPOE, SOUZA	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">HB133</a>	<a href="#">SB178</a>	RELATING TO SURFING.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support the establishment of surfing as an interscholastic sport. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	QUINLAN, EVSLIN, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAHALOA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SAYAMA, TAM	CAA, EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
4	<a href="#">HB626</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for the Department"s Ho?akea Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WOODSON, AMATO, CHUN, COCHRAN, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TARNAS, TODD	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
5	<a href="#">HB763</a>		RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.	Establishes the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public school students. Appropriates funds for the expansion of civic education in the public schools and for full-time equivalent permanent civic education resource teacher positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	PERRUSO, BELATTI, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HUSSEY, KAPELA, MATSUMOTO, OLDS, PIERICK, POEPOE, QUINLAN, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT

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6	<a href="#">HB1188</a>		RELATING TO TEACHER WORKFORCE HOUSING.	Establishes a Teacher Workforce Housing Stipend Program to support teacher retention at public and charter schools classified as hard-to-staff. Requires reports to the Legislature. Amends the purpose and uses of the Teachers" Housing Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, AMATO, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, KILA, MIYAKE, OLDS, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA	EDN, HSG, FIN	SUPPORT
7	<a href="#">HB1345</a>	<a href="#">SB1524</a>	RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION.	Requires the Board of Regents to grant a waiver on all tuition and mandatory fees to a resident student enrolled in a four-year college campus of the University of Hawaii System with an education program or that offers an education degree for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WOODSON, AMATO, COCHRAN, GRANDINETTI, KILA, KUSCH, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAM, TARNAS	HED, FIN	SUPPORT
8	<a href="#">SB119</a>	<a href="#">HB617</a>	RELATING TO NURSING.	Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	HASHIMOTO, DECOITE, FEVELLA, KIM, MCKELVEY	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
9	<a href="#">SB426</a>	<a href="#">HB549</a>	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM.	Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, MORIWAKI, Elefante, Wakai	HRE/EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
10	<a href="#">SB440</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Establishes the Future Career and Technical Education Teacher Scholarship Program to be administered by the Department of Education to facilitate the recruitment and retention of career and technical education teachers in Hawaii public schools. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, INOUYE, KANUHA, KIDANI, KIM, LEE, C., MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
11	<a href="#">SB529</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for its Hoakea Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KIDANI, AQUINO, CHANG, GABBARD, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT

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12	<a href="#">SB1391</a>	<a href="#">HB1072</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacher-requested classroom supplies. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
13	<a href="#">SB1604</a>		RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the development of faculty, staff, teacher, and workforce housing at the Kauai Community College. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
14	<a href="#">HB439</a>	<a href="#">SB819</a>	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Requires the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to establish an international teacher license for certain visa holders and the requirements to obtain the international teacher license. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ILAGAN, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, HASHEM, ICHiyAMA, KAHALOA, KILA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, MIYAKE, REYES ODA, SAYAMA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAM, TEMPLO, WOODSON, Hussey	EDN, CPC	MONITOR
15	<a href="#">HB99</a>		RELATING TO CLIMATE EDUCATION.	Requires the Department of Education to establish a climate literacy certificate program to provide students with an advanced understanding of climate change through academic coursework and hands-on learning.	PERRUSO, AMATO, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, MARTEN, POEPOE, SOUZA	EDN, FIN	MONITOR
16	<a href="#">HB100</a>	SB772, SB844	RELATING TO MEDIA LITERACY.	Authorizes school complexes to incorporate media literacy in their standards-based curriculum, including content that prevents negative impacts of misinformation, disinformation, digital discrimination, and online hate speech.	PERRUSO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, MARTEN, POEPOE, TAM, Chun	EDN, FIN	MONITOR
17	<a href="#">HB107</a>	<a href="#">SB1012</a>	RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING.	Requires the Executive Office on Early Learning to establish an Imagination Library of Hawaii Program to provide one free book each month to children from birth through five years of age who reside in the State. Appropriates funds.	TAM, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, POEPOE	EDN, FIN	MONITOR

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18	<a href="#">SB162</a>	<a href="#">HB209</a>	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.	Establishes the Hawaii State Fellows Program within the Department of Human Resources Development to match talented applicants with full-time, paid fellowship roles in various state agencies for a period of ten to eleven months. Establishes minimum qualifications and procedures for eligible applicants to apply to the program. Gives preference to eligible program applicants who have pre-existing ties to the State or a demonstrated commitment to long-term leadership in the State. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to coordinate with state agencies to implement and promote the program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, RHOADS	LBT/GVO, WAM/JDC	MONITOR
19	<a href="#">SB388</a>		RELATED TO TEACHER LOANS.	Establishes a teacher loan program revolving fund to encourage individuals to become teachers in hard-to-fill positions of Department of Education schools. Allows a loan to be forgiven for teachers who become a licensed teacher in Hawaii or for teachers who will commit to teach for seven years at a Hawaii public school or public charter school. Appropriates funds.	MCKELVEY, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, SAN BUENAVENTURA	EDU, WAM	MONITOR
20	<a href="#">SB613</a>		RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Requires that each Department of Education public school student earn 2 credits in Hawaiian language for a high school diploma. Establishes a 2-year pilot program for Hawaiian language instruction at Noelani Elementary School and Nanakuli High and Intermediate School. Appropriates moneys.	FEVELLA, Fukunaga, Richards	EDU/HWN, WAM	MONITOR
21	<a href="#">SB646</a>		RELATING TO SAFETY.	Requires the Department of Education to assign school resource officers or guards to serve at public elementary schools and state prekindergarten programs. Requires report to the Legislature. Requires the Department of Education to seek funding from federal grants. Appropriates funds.	FEVELLA, AQUINO, Elefante, Moriwaki	EDU/PSM, WAM	MONITOR

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22	SB968		RELATING TO TEACHER LOANS.	Requires the Department of Education to establish a teacher loan forgiveness program to assist in the payment of loans for teachers who commit to teaching in the Hawaii public school system. Appropriates funds.	FEVELLA, San Buenaventura	EDU, WAM	MONITOR
23	SB1608	HB599	RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.	Requires the Department of Education to assign school resource officers to department public schools and charter schools. Encourages the employment of qualified retirees from the local police departments and department of law enforcement. Appropriates funds for these positions.	DECORTE	EDU/PSM, WAM	MONITOR



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Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	<a href="#">HB549</a>	<a href="#">SB426</a>	RELATING TO AN EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM.	Establishes an Early Learning Apprenticeship Grant Program to be administered by the University of Hawaii to provide financial support for early learning program service providers in the State to participate in state- or federally-approved early learning apprenticeship programs. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	GARRETT, CHUN, EVSLIN, KILA, LA CHICA, LEE, M., MARTEN, OLDS, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI	HED, HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
2	<a href="#">HB774</a>		RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.	Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KAHALOA	AGR, ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
3	<a href="#">SB529</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for its Hoakea Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KIDANI, AQUINO, CHANG, GABBARD, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
4	<a href="#">SB558</a>		RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.	Establishes a Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates funds for food and product development or innovation facilities in the County of Maui and on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	DECOITE, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, San Buenaventura, Wakai	EDT/AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
5	<a href="#">SB992</a>		RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.	Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to establish state goals and implement projects to promote economic diversification through innovation and technology. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Small Business Innovation Research Program, Manufacturing Assistance Program, and Accelerator and Small Business Training Programs. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	DECOITE (Introduced by request of another party)	EDT, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

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6	<a href="#">HB966</a>	<a href="#">SB1251</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.	Establishes statewide, uniform standards to promote agricultural tourism activities in the State by establishing state agricultural tourism activity requirements that are applicable to all counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires agricultural tourism activities to be registered by the county planning department. Requires agricultural tourism activities to coexist with an agricultural activity on a farming operation and requires termination of the agricultural tourism activities upon cessation of the agricultural activity. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KAHALOA, AMATO, CHUN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KUSCH, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD	AGR/TOU, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
7	<a href="#">SB327</a>		RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS.	Permits the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with eligible employers or registered apprenticeship programs in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development for certain portions of the on-the-job-training work experience program. Provides that the State shall be the responsible employer for purposes of workers' compensation coverage for students or recent graduates in the on-the-job-training work experience program, subject to certain limitations. (SD2)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, KIM, MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Richards	LBT, WAM	SUPPORT
8	<a href="#">SB440</a>		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Establishes the Future Career and Technical Education Teacher Scholarship Program to be administered by the Department of Education to facilitate the recruitment and retention of career and technical education teachers in Hawaii public schools. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, INOUYE, KANUHA, KIDANI, KIM, LEE, C., MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT

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9	<a href="#">SB1186</a>	<a href="#">HB967</a>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.	Establishes the Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and the Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Requires reports to the Legislature. (SD2)	GABBARD, AQUINO, MCKELVEY, San Buenaventura	AEN, WAM	HIGH MONITOR
11	<a href="#">HB189</a>	<a href="#">SB231</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.	Requires the counties to adopt ordinances setting forth procedures and requirements for the review and permitting of agricultural tourism uses and activities as secondary uses, in addition to accessory uses, on a working farm or farming operation. Requires the counties' ordinances to include requirements that: the principal agricultural use on a working farm or farming operation preexists the issuance of any land use permit or building permit for any accessory and secondary use and agricultural tourism be allowed only on land on which productive agricultural use is occurring. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	PERRUSO, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, MARTEN, SOUZA, TODD	AGR/TOU, WAL, JHA	HIGH MONITOR
12	<a href="#">HB521</a>		RELATING TO OFFICE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP.	Establishes the Office of Entrepreneurship. Creates a program in partnership with the Hawaii film and creative industries development special fund. Appropriates moneys to establish the Office of Entrepreneurship.	WARD, GARCIA	ECD, FIN	MONITOR
13	<a href="#">HB663</a>		RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.	Authorizes the issuance of special number vehicle license plates commemorating the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	KILA, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, KAPELA, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, TAKENOUCI	CAA, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
14	<a href="#">HB1493</a>	<a href="#">SB1641</a>	RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII FILM COMMISSION.	Establishes the State of Hawaii Film Commission within the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the State's film and media industries. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	ILAGAN	ECD, FIN	MONITOR

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15	SB132	HB455	RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS LOANS.	Establishes the Hawaii start-up business loan program. Establishes the Hawaii start-up business loan program special fund. Requires DBEDT to submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding the program. Appropriates funds.	WAKAI, AQUINO, CHANG, DECORTE, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KANUHA, MCKELVEY	EDT, WAM	MONITOR
16	SB135	HB530	RELATING TO THE LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS.	Specifies that the macadamia nut labeling requirements apply if the applicable products are produced in whole or in part from Hawaii-grown and Hawaii-processed macadamia nuts. Effective 1/2/2026.	HASHIMOTO, CHANG, FEVELLA, KIDANI, KIM, MCKELVEY, Moriwaki	EDT/CPN, JDC	
17	SB162	HB209	RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.	Establishes the Hawaii State Fellows Program within the Department of Human Resources Development to match talented applicants with full-time, paid fellowship roles in various state agencies for a period of ten to eleven months. Establishes minimum qualifications and procedures for eligible applicants to apply to the program. Gives preference to eligible program applicants who have pre-existing ties to the State or a demonstrated commitment to long-term leadership in the State. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to coordinate with state agencies to implement and promote the program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, RHOADS	LBT/GVO, WAM/JDC	MONITOR
18	SB294		RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.	Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce. Allocates funds to the Department of Education for health care certificate programs and classroom renovations for health care training in public high schools. Allocates funds to the University of Hawaii for education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses.	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, Elefante, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Richards, Wakai	HHS/EDU/HRE, WAM	SUPPORT

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19	<del>SB339</del>		RELATING TO NEEDS ALLOWANCE.	Clarifies that the monthly needs allowance afforded to individuals living in certain long-term care facilities is not intended to replace or affect funds received as a state supplemental payment for domiciliary care and shall be supplemental to any funds provided to a recipient as a state supplemental payment for domiciliary care.	AQUINO, CHANG, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Elefante	HHS, WAM	MONITOR
20	<del>SB993</del>		RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION.	Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a Geothermal Resources Characterization Program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds.	WAKAI, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KIDANI, LEE, C., MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kanuha, McKelvey	EIG/HRE, WAM	MONITOR
21	<del>SB1184</del>	<del>H8776</del>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT.	Establishes within the Department of Agriculture the Hawaii Agricultural Transportation Assistance Program, to consist of a reimbursement program and grant program, to assist certain farmers and livestock producers with transportation costs for agricultural products, inputs, supplies, and production and distribution of agricultural commodities. Requires reports to the Legislature.	GABBARD, AQUINO, MCKELVEY, San Buenaventura	AEN, WAM	MONITOR
22	<del>SB1251</del>	<del>H8968</del>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM.	Establishes statewide, uniform standards to promote agricultural tourism activities in the State by establishing state agricultural tourism activity requirements that are applicable to all counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires agricultural tourism activities to be registered by the county planning commission. Requires agricultural tourism activities to coexist with an agricultural activity on a farming operation and requires termination of the agricultural tourism activities upon cessation of the agricultural activity. Makes conforming amendments.	RICHARDS, CHANG	WTL/AEN/EIG/EDT, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS

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1	<a href="#">HB331</a>	<a href="#">SB167</a>	RELATING TO PERMITS.	Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department or agency, under certain conditions. Clarifies that, except for projects in special flood hazard areas, contracts for the construction, renovation, or repair of facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority shall be exempt from county permitting requirements that related off-site improvements be made by the contracting government agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	LA CHICA, EVSLIN, GARCIA, IWAMOTO, KITAGAWA, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, SOUZA, TODD, Takayama	WAL, CPC, FIN	OPPOSE
2	<a href="#">HB367</a>		RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS.	Allows for county permit exemptions for certain kinds of activities, including agricultural and maintenance activities. Effective 1/1/3000. (HD1)	EVSLIN	HSG, JHA	COMMENT
3	<a href="#">HB533</a>	<a href="#">SB578</a>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PROPERTY.	Amends the definition of "historic property" under the State's historic preservation program to include properties included on, or eligible for inclusion on, the national register of historic places or Hawaii register of historic places and any artifacts, records, or material remains relating to the property. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MIYAKE, AMATO, KAHALOA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, SOUZA, TODD	WAL, JHA	MONITOR
4	<a href="#">HB1087</a>	<a href="#">SB1406</a>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume historic preservation review of the effect of any proposed project for lands under its jurisdiction except for projects affecting properties listed or nominated for inclusion in the Hawaii register of historic places or the national register of historic places. Transfers the administrative placement of the island burial councils to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
5	<a href="#">HB1144</a>	<a href="#">SB1463</a>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM	Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to employ non-civil service professional and technical staff in its State Historic Preservation Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, LAB, FIN	COMMENT

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6	<a href="#">HB1405</a>		RELATING TO PERMITS.	Establishes specific deadlines within the facilitated application process to obtain a permit and requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish certain resources and processes to help streamline permit applications. Establishes and appropriates funds for positions within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ILAGAN, HOLT, HUSSEY, MATSUMOTO, TAM, TEMPLO, TODD	ECD, FIN	COMMENT
7	<a href="#">HB1406</a>		RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES.	Establishes the Intergovernmental Task Force for Permit Simplification to identify actions taken, challenges encountered, and legislative measures necessary to facilitate, expedite, and coordinate state and intergovernmental development permit processes. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ILAGAN, HOLT, HUSSEY, MATSUMOTO, TAM, TEMPLO, TODD	ECD, FIN	COMMENT
8	<a href="#">SB15</a>		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Amends the definition of "historic property" to require that the property meets the criteria for inclusion in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or has important value to Native Hawaiians or other ethnic groups of the State due to associations with cultural practices once carried out, or still carried out, at the property or associations with traditional beliefs, events, or oral accounts that are important to history, traditional practices, and cultural identity.	INOUYE	WTL, JDC	MONITOR
9	<a href="#">SB66</a>		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires counties to grant building permits within sixty days if the completed application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met. (SD1)	CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	HOU, JDC	COMMENT

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
10	<a href="#">SB79</a>		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any certain proposed housing projects within ninety days of a request for determination. Establishes historical review requirements based on the project area"s known historic, cultural, and archaeological resources. Establishes procedures and notification requirements if previously unidentified human remains or previously unidentified historic or cultural resources are discovered. (SD1)	CHANG, HASHIMOTO	WTL/HOU/HWN, JDC	COMMENT
11	<a href="#">SB511</a>		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Clarifies that projects seeking exemptions from planning and development laws and rules may be modified by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation under certain conditions. Authorizes HHFDC to make recommendations to appropriate Legislative bodies. Requires HHFDC or a county to accept an application seeking certain exemptions within thirty days, and to process the application within one hundred twenty days before final approval by a county legislative body for certain housing projects. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	RICHARDS, FEVELLA, Gabbard	HOU, WAM	COMMENT

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
12	<a href="#">SB1002</a>		RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Beginning 7/1/2027, requires the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to contract its review of proposed state projects, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the projects involve the development of affordable housing and the division, after an initial evaluation, determines it will not be able to complete its review within sixty days. Establishes requirements for qualified third-party consultants providing review services. Requires the project proponent to pay for the reasonable fee requirements of the third-party consultant. Allows the project proponent to contract or sponsor with any county, housing authority, non-profit organization, or person, to meet the third-party consultant fee requirement. Requires DLNR to publish a draft of its proposed rules within one year, and within one year thereafter, present its proposed final rules to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KANUHA, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	WTL/HWN, WAM/JDC	COMMENT

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13	<a href="#">SB1263</a>	<a href="#">HB738</a>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Creates a process for expediting the review of residential transit-oriented development on certain parcels within county-designated transit-oriented development zones that have a low risk of affecting historically significant resources. Authorizes lead agencies, including county governments, to make determinations on the potential effects of a project. Creates a ninety-calendar-day limit for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to concur or not concur with project effect determinations, under certain conditions. Establishes certain requirements for the notification and submission of projects under historic preservation law. Provides that projects with written concurrence are exempt from further review unless there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area, under certain conditions. Requires community development districts and state or county housing projects to undergo a programmatic review. (SD1)	CHANG	HOU, JDC	COMMENT
	<a href="#">SB1266</a>		RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.	Establishes an inter-division program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources consisting of certain agencies to address the location, movement, and restoration of Hawaiian burial sites or â€˜iwi, exposed or likely to be exposed by coastal erosion. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUYE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS	WTL/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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15	<a href="#">SB1432</a>	<a href="#">HB1113</a>	RELATING TO CHANGES TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONCERNING PATIENTS, THE COUNTY OF KALAWAO, AND THE KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT.	Establishes the Kalaupapa State Historical Area. Authorizes the Department of Health to continue providing services statewide to Hansen's disease patients living in the community. Repeals sections of chapter 326, Hawaii Revised Statutes, upon the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa as affirmed in the Governor's proclamation. Requires the Department of Health to include Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa and a topside community organization from Molokai in the transition planning team. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS/EIG, WAM/JDC	COMMENT
16	<a href="#">SB1462</a>	<a href="#">HB1143</a>	RELATING TO A STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCOME TAX CREDIT.	Reenacts the Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit, establishes a cap of the tax credit at \$1,000,000, for taxable year 2025 to taxable year 2030, respectively, and repeals the tax credit on December 31, 2030.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL, WAM	MONITOR
17	<a href="#">HB1143</a>	<a href="#">SB1462</a>	RELATING TO A STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCOME TAX CREDIT.	Reestablishes the Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit. Establishes a cap of the tax credit for each taxable year from 2025 to 2030. Sunsets 12/31/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, FIN	MONITOR
18	<a href="#">HB830</a>	<a href="#">SB575</a>	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to contract its review of proposed state projects, projects on privately owned historic property, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the Department is unable to complete its review within sixty days. Authorizes the Department to assess the cost of the third-party consultant to the project proponent. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MIYAKE, AMATO, EVSLIN, HOLT, KAHALOA, KILA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TARNAS, TODD	HSG, WAL, FIN	COMMENT

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
19	HB738	SB1263	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Creates a process for expediting the review of majority-residential mixed-use transit-oriented development or residential transit-oriented development on certain parcels within county-designated transit-oriented development zones that have a low risk of affecting historically significant resources. Authorizes lead agencies, including county governments, to make determinations on the potential effects of a project. Creates a ninety-day limit, or thirty-day if no historic property is to be affected, to concur or not concur with project effect determinations. Exempts projects with written concurrence from further review unless there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area. Establishes notice and reporting requirements if there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area after the initial written concurrence. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	EVSLIN, LOWEN, MARTEN, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, Amato	HSG, WAL, JHA	COMMENT
20	HB195		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify and preserve historically significant areas within state harbors and place educational displays at the areas for public awareness.	SOUZA, PERRUSO, POEPOE	WAL, TRN, FIN	MONITOR
21	SB167	HB331	RELATING TO PERMITS.	Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department or agency, under certain conditions. Clarifies that contracts for the construction, renovation, or repair of facilities under the control of the department of education, university of Hawaii, or school facilities authority shall be exempt from county permitting requirements that related off-site improvements be made by the contracting government agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit.	CHANG, AQUINO, HASHIMOTO, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Kanuha	EIG/EDU/HRE, WAM	OPPOSE

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22	SB372		RELATING TO STATE NAMING COMMISSION.	Establishes an Advisory Commission in the Department of Accounting and General Services to propose names or a change of names for state buildings, parks, facilities, and events.	MCKELVEY, CHANG, KIDANI, Fevella, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Kanuha	GVO, WAM	MONITOR
23	SB575	HB830	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to contract its review of proposed state projects, projects on privately owned historic property, and projects affecting historic properties to third-party consultants if the Department is unable to complete its review within sixty days.	HASHIMOTO, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, KANUHA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, San Buenaventura	WTL/HWN, JDC	COMMENT





**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
Action Item

**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT**

**March 5, 2025**

**BAE #25-04**

**Action Item Issue:** Approve the addition of a resolution to the OHA 2025 Legislative Package (“Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer or Partial Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties under Hawai ‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs”).

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## I. PROPOSED ACTION

Approve the addition of a resolution to the OHA 2025 Legislative Package (“Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties or Partial Transfer under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”).

## II. ISSUE

Whether the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) should approve adding the proposed resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A to the OHA 2025 Legislative Package. *See* Attachment A (“Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties or Partial Transfer under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”).

## III. BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

Currently, Department of Lands and Natural Resource, State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) is the state agency responsible for implementation of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E, Hawai‘i’s Historic Preservation law. SHPD’s “Historic Preservation Program” is broad in scope, and includes seventeen enumerated tasks, HRS § 6E-3, in addition to other duties set forth in the statute. Most relevant here, SHPD is required to review all agency projects and state or county permitted (private) projects and determine the “effect of the proposed project on historic properties, aviation artifacts, **or burial sites.**” HRS §§ 6E-8, -42 (emphasis added). SHPD has ninety days to concur or not on an effects determination. HRS §§ 6E-8, -42. The historic preservation review process (inclusive of determining effects of a proposed project through mitigation measures) has six individual steps under the statute’s implementing regulations. *See* Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapters 13-275; 13-284.<sup>1</sup>

SHPD also administers the Island Burial Councils (IBCs), which have jurisdiction over the disposition of “previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites.” HRS § 6E-43. The phrase “previously identified” native Hawaiian burial sites is defined in HAR 13-300-2 as “burial sites containing human skeletal remains and any burial goods during archaeological inventory survey and data recovery of possible burial sites, or known through oral or written testimony.” In practice, previously identified burials are those discovered **prior** to construction, often because of an archaeological inventory survey (AIS) required by SHPD during the six-part historic preservation review process noted above. Native Hawaiian burials that are discovered and disturbed **after** permitted

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<sup>1</sup> The Administrative Rules are available online at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/shpd/rules/>.

construction has commenced are classified as “inadvertently discovered” and SHPD has jurisdiction over disposition of these category of burials. HRS § 6E-43.6. Disposition means a determination whether to preserve in place or relocate the iwi. *See e.g.*, HRS § 6E-43(b), (The appropriate island burial council shall determine whether preservation in place or relocation of previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites is warranted[.]”)

Under the statute and administrative rules, OHA is also tasked with specific kuleana including nominating candidates to serve on the island burial councils (IBCs), HRS § 6E-43.5, and consulting with SHPD about historic properties that have importance to the Native Hawaiian community during the significance determination and mitigation of adverse effect processes. *See* HAR §13-284-6(c), § 13-275-6(c), and §13-277-3(4). OHA also regularly receives communications from its beneficiaries concerning possible illegal desecration of iwi, difficulties exerting their rights (i.e., access, consultation, notification) as cultural and lineal descendants, and other issues related to proper implementation of HRS Chapter 6E.

**The purpose of the proposed resolution is to establish a working group to consider whether the complete or partial transfer from SHPD to OHA of duties related to burial site protection would be beneficial, feasible, and in the best interest of the Native Hawaiian community.** As noted in the Resolution, prominent members of the mālama iwi community have called for OHA to assume administration of HRS Chapter 6E duties related to protection of Native Hawaiian burials in the past. Specific duties related to the protection of Native Hawaiian burials that the working group could consider for potential transfer to OHA include:

1. Administering and supporting the IBCs, including processing applications for the recognition of lineal and cultural descendants, training and supporting IBC members, and publicly noticing and facilitating IBC meetings;
2. Recording IBC determinations to preserve in place or relocate iwi kūpuna on private property with the Bureau of Conveyances;
3. Implementing the core duties related to project review set forth above;
4. Enforcing the statute against individuals for violations related to Native Hawaiian burial sites;
5. Completing a statewide inventory of burial sites on state land; and
6. Processing applications for burial site registration.
7. Responding to inadvertent discovery reports and taking appropriate steps to handle treatment, notifications, and disposition.

In recognition of the complexities involved in transferring even some of the duties related to iwi protection from SHPD to OHA, and the need to carefully consider the costs and transfer process, the resolution proposes that the working group’s report to the legislature be due in December 2027, with the expectation that this will enable the working group to organize itself and meet approximately ten to twelve times prior to preparing its report. To ensure that consideration of potential transfer is informed by various perspectives and involves individuals with the appropriate technical background, the resolution proposes that the working group include: two representatives from SHPD;

two representatives from OHA; one elected representative from each of the five IBCs; and one representative from Hui Iwi Kuamo‘o, the leading repatriation and reburial advocacy organization.

The exact scope of work proposed in the resolution for the working group is to:

- (1) identify and determine what duties and responsibilities of the State Historic Preservation Division with respect to protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites and administration of the island burial councils under chapter 6E, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, can and should be fully assumed by or shared with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
- (2) evaluate the feasibility and impacts of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs assuming such duties and responsibilities by considering agency staff and financial resources, legal requirements, technological needs, and other relevant factors; and
- (3) develop and recommend an implementation plan and associated timeline for any transfer of duties, considering any required statutory and administrative amendments necessary to effectuate such a transfer; and
- (4) consider in its discussions how implementing recommendations from the 2023 Burial Sites Working Group Final Report may improve operations of the burial sites program and protection of Native Hawaiian burials; and
- (5) submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees for comments and decision making on whether or not OHA should accept any transfer of burial related responsibilities under HRS 6E; and
- (6) submit a report of its findings and recommendations (inclusive of Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees’ comments and decision), including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027.

As additional background, in 2021, OHA convened a Burial Sites Working Group (BSWG) in response to House Resolution 113 (HR 113) and Senate Resolution 171 (SR 171) to look at systemic and recurring issues related to SHPD’s implementation of HRS Chapter 6E.<sup>2</sup> The BSWG consulted extensively with community members and IBC representatives and came to three primary conclusions that it set forth in a Final Report published in February 2023:

1. The State of Hawai‘i has failed to adequately manage its burial law responsibilities, including a failure to provide, or advocate for the provision of, adequate resources to administer burial laws and a failure to adequately administer laws intended to protect Native Hawaiian burials;
2. The State of Hawai‘i has demonstrated a lack of will to fulfill its burial

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<sup>2</sup> Although a Joint Resolution between the Senate and House was never achieved, OHA decided to underwrite and establish the BSWG in reflection of OHA’s historic preservation responsibilities in both rule and statute.

law responsibilities; and

3. There are fundamental inadequacies in the laws affecting burials. Key aspects of burial laws and the larger historic preservation statutes that envelop them leave unmarked Native Hawaiian burials prone to a discriminatory treatment and a lesser level of protection and care when compared to burials in known, marked cemeteries.

BSWG Final Report at 2-3.<sup>3</sup>

The recommendations proposed by the BWSG in response to these key shortcomings were that the State of Hawai‘i: (1) better resource and monitor SHPD; (2) enforce violations of burial laws and initiate a complete and comprehensive burial sites inventory; and (3) implement a set of statutory and administrative amendments detailed in an [Appendix B](#) to the Final Report. BSWG Final Report at 2-4. Of the many statutory and administrative amendments proposed by the BSWG, only one has been adopted. Therefore, the burial sites program as it currently stands does not meet community expectations and standards for the protection of iwi kūpuna.

At the same time, there seems to be growing sentiment among lawmakers that the historic preservation process is broken, and may be an obstacle to construction of affordable housing and other priority projects like transit-oriented development. Advocacy is currently tracking five separate bills that expedite review to such an extent that advance identification of burial sites may be impossible due to unrealistic timelines. Advocacy is tracking an additional two bills that would potentially remove the IBCs from decisions relating to the disposition of previously identified burials altogether (although it is unclear whether this is the intent of the legislation). Cumulatively, these bills have the potential to dramatically weaken the historic review process, in many cases exacerbating concerns issues raised in the BSWG Final Report.

These competing pressures will continue to shape the future of the Native Hawaiian burial sites component of the State’s Historic Review Program

#### **IV. TIMEFRAME**

Immediate action is recommended as the deadline to introduce Resolutions is March 7, 2025.

#### **V. BUDGET AUTHORIZATION**

Some funding would be required to administratively support the proposed working group but should fit into existing budgets including within the advocacy division.

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<sup>3</sup> The Full Report is available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15rDt6jxSOH9H2kvc9IGNO7ah51sJU8ZHo2TjDCCYpLs/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0>.

**VI. RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the addition of a resolution to the OHA 2025 Legislative Package (“Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”). *See* Attachment A.

**VII. ALTERNATIVES**

A. Deny the addition of the resolution.

**VIII. ATTACHMENTS**

*See* Attachment A: Proposed Resolution “Establishing a Working Group to Examine and Consider the Transfer of Native Hawaiian Burial Site Duties under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E From the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

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\_\_\_\_ CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER THE  
TRANSFER OR PARTIAL TRANSFER OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIAL  
SITE DUTIES UNDER HAWAII REVISD STATUES CHAPTER 6E FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISON TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN  
AFFAIRS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the State's duty to  
2 protect the Native Hawaiian cultural and religious practice of  
3 caring for iwi kūpuna pursuant to article XII, section 7 of the  
4 Hawaii'i State Constitution; and

5       WHEREAS, the Legislature recognized and declared when  
6 enacting Hawaii'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 6E, the State's  
7 Historic Preservation law, that "it shall be the public policy  
8 of this State to provide leadership in preserving, restoring,  
9 and maintaining historic and cultural property, to ensure the  
10 administration of such historic and cultural property in a  
11 spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations,  
12 and to conduct activities, plans, and programs in a manner  
13 consistent with the preservation and enhancement of historic and  
14 cultural property"; and

1       Whereas HRS Chapter 6E further recognizes that historic  
2 properties and burial sites are part of Hawai'i's public trust;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted amendments in 1990 to  
5 Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 6E section 43 stating, "(a) At  
6 any site, other than a known, maintained, actively used cemetery  
7 where human skeletal remains are discovered or are known to be  
8 buried and appear to be over fifty years old, the remains and  
9 their associated burial goods shall not be moved without the  
10 department's approval. (b) All burial sites are significant and  
11 shall be preserved in place until compliance with this section  
12 is met;" and

13       WHEREAS, chapter 10H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, formally  
14 recognizes Native Hawaiians as the "only indigenous, aboriginal,  
15 maoli people of Hawaii" and facilitates and furthers Native  
16 Hawaiian self-governance; and

17       WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of  
18 Indigenous Peoples states that "[i]ndigenous peoples have the  
19 right to self-determination," and the "right to maintain,  
20 protect, and have access [...] to their religious and cultural  
21 sites" and "repatriation of their human remains"; and

22       WHEREAS, the Legislature and the State also recognize that  
23 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was constitutionally established  
24 as a trust vehicle to act on behalf of Native Hawaiians until a



1 Native Hawaiian governing entity could be reestablished; and

2 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
3 State Historic Preservation Division, was established to  
4 administer a comprehensive historic preservation program  
5 pursuant to chapter 6E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; and

6 WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division is tasked  
7 with the identification and protection of historic burial sites,  
8 and, with respect to Native Hawaiian burials, is tasked with  
9 sharing decision making over relocation and preservation in  
10 place, transfer, or other disposition of previously identified  
11 Native Hawaiian burials with the island burial councils  
12 established pursuant to 6E-43.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; and

13 WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Division has been  
14 the subject of numerous lawsuits and audits; and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2021 Hawai'i State Legislature  
16 directives in House Resolution 113 (HR 113) and Senate Resolution  
17 171 (SR 171), the Office of Hawaiian Affairs convened a Burial  
18 Sites Working Group (BSWG) in 2022 to investigate the matter of  
19 burials treatment and to offer recommendations for improvements;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the BSWG took extensive community testimony  
22 as part of its fact-finding mandate and in a Final Report  
23 dated February 2023 made three key findings: (1) The State  
24 of Hawai'i has failed to adequately manage its burial law

1 responsibilities, including a failure to provide, or  
2 advocate for the provision of, adequate resources to  
3 administer burial laws and a failure to adequately  
4 administer laws intended to protect Native Hawaiian  
5 burials; (2) The State of Hawai'i has demonstrated a lack  
6 of will to fulfill its burial law responsibilities; and (3)  
7 There are fundamental inadequacies in the laws affecting  
8 burials; and

9 WHEREAS, many within the Native Hawaiian community,  
10 especially lineal and cultural descendants, have expressed  
11 concern with inadequate action by the State Historic  
12 Preservation Division concerning the inventory and protection of  
13 Native Hawaiian burial sites, among other problems; and

14 WHEREAS an opinion editorial authored by Dr Kēhaulani Abad  
15 and Edward Halealoha Ayau, a burials expert and one of three  
16 authors of the 1990 amendments to HRS Chapter 6E establishing  
17 the island burial councils published in *Ka Wai Ola* in June 1  
18 2021 entitled, *Place the Kuleana with OHA* opined that the most  
19 effective manner by which to improve the care and protection of  
20 unmarked burial sites over fifty years old and Hawaiian human  
21 remains inadvertently discovered is to transfer the burial  
22 program from the State of Historic Preservation Division to the  
23 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

24 WHEREAS, despite calls for assistance from island burial

council members, the councils continue to be inadequately  
staffed and trained; and

WHEREAS, section 10-3(3), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, states  
that it is a purpose of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to  
"[s]erv[e] as the principal public agency in this State  
responsible for the performance, development, and coordination  
of programs and activities relating to native Hawaiians and  
Hawaiians[...]" ; and

WHEREAS, section 10-3(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, states  
that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall work toward the  
betterment of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians by "[a]ssessing the  
policies and practices of other agencies impacting on native  
Hawaiians and Hawaiians[...]" ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-Third  
Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025,  
that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to convene and  
facilitate a working group to examine and consider the transfer  
of Native Hawaiian burial site management under chapter 6E,  
Hawai'i Revised Statutes, from the Department of Land and  
Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division to the  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is  
requested to:

- (1) identify and determine what duties and responsibilities of the State Historic Preservation Division with respect to protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites and administration of the island burial councils under chapter 6E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, can and should be fully assumed by or shared with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
- (2) evaluate the feasibility and impacts of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs assuming such duties and responsibilities by considering agency staff and financial resources, legal requirements, technological needs, and other relevant factors; and
- (3) develop and recommend an implementation plan and associated timeline for any transfer of duties, considering any required statutory and administrative amendments necessary to effectuate such a transfer; and
- (4) consider in its discussions how implementing recommendations from the 2023 Burial Sites Working Group Final Report may improve operations of the burial sites program and protection of Native Hawaiian burials; and
- (5) submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Office of Hawaiian affairs Board of Trustees for

1           comments and decision making on whether or not OHA  
2           should accept any transfer of burial related  
3           responsibilities under HRS 6E; and  
4       (6)   submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
5           (inclusive of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of  
6           Trustees' comments and decision), including any  
7           proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
8           twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
9           Session of 2027; and

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include  
11   the following members:

- 12          (1)   Two representatives of the State Historic Preservation  
13                Division;  
14          (2)   Two representatives of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
15          (3)   One individual from each Island Burial Council, to be  
16                selected by a majority vote of its respective members;  
17                and  
18          (4)   One member of Hui Iwi Kuamo'o, the leading  
19                repatriation and reburial advocacy organization; and

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member be made subject to  
21   chapter 84, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, solely because of that  
22   member's participation as a member of the working group; and

23          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24   Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney General;

1 Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Chief  
2 of the History and Culture Branch of the State Historic  
3 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural  
4 Resources; and Chairpersons of the Hawai'i Island Burial  
5 Council, Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council, Maui/Lāna'i  
6 Island Burial Council, O'ahu Island Burial Council, and Moloka'i  
7 Island Burial Council, and the Executive Director of Hui Iwi  
8 Kuamo'o.