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

DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

TIME: 9 A.M.

PLACE: Remote Meeting by Interactive Conference Technology
and in-person at OHA Maui Ola Boardroom
Nā Lama Kukui

560 N. Nimitz Hwy. Honolulu, HI. 96817

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 19, 2025
- b. March 5, 2025

III. New Business

- a. Informational briefing on upcoming OHA Europe-U.S. East Coast repatriation activities with Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz (Germany), Northern Ireland Ulster Museum (N. Ireland), Harvard's Peabody Museum (Cambridge, MA), and Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (Washington, D.C.) - April 22nd to May 3rd, 2025 – OHA Compliance Enforcement staff.
- b. 2025 OHA State Legislative Package - Matrix 1
- c. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2
- d. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust - Matrix 3
- e. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional & Customary Practices - Matrix 4
- f. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Housing - Matrix 5

- g. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Health - Matrix 6
- h. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education- Matrix 7
- i. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Development - Matrix 8
- j. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting HRS Chapter 6E (Iwi Kūpuna) - Matrix 9

IV. Community Concerns and Celebrations

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

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- (2) internet access; and
- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

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Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

03/25/2025
Date

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HWY., STE. 200
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**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT
February 19, 2025
9 a.m.
(via Interactive Conference Technology and
In-person at OHA Maui Ola Boardroom)**

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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PULE

Hailama Farden

I. CALL TO ORDER (9:08.50 a.m.)
Meeting is called to order at 9:09:09 a.m.

CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Committee Chair Galuteria – 9:09:46 a.m.)
Nine (9) trustees in attendance which constitutes a quorum (9:09:50 a.m.)

Because **Chair Galuteria** feels it is important to do business in an intentional manner, he sets the tone for each committee meeting for committee members joining the meeting via internet and in person:

Inspiration for this meeting comes from an ‘Olelo No’eau given to us by Auntie Mary Kawena Pukui: “Ike i ke au nui, me ke au iki” which translates to “know the big currents and the little currents.” The proverb reminds us of the importance of awareness and adaptability. In both our personal and professional lives, it is essential to understand not only the larger forces at play but also the subtle, often unnoticed factors that can influence outcomes.

Before proceeding with the meeting, Chair Galuteria reminded the Trustees that we were half-way through this legislative session that we just passed the first lateral which refers to the deadline for a bill to move into its last committee. After that deadline, subsequent committees must schedule the bill for a hearing or decision making, pass the bill, or kill the bill; and make sure it is reported out.

February 20 begins a five-day mandatory recess wherein the work still continues; but there is no activity on the chambers floor. Legislators are also asked to go back to their districts to report on the work done up to this point.

That is first decking. This time refers to the deadline for a bill to pass second reading, to be heard, and be filed by the final committee in its chamber, whether it started in the house or the senate.

Using the wa’a [canoe] as our metaphor, a skilled navigator reads both the sweeping tides and the gentle ripples. By recognizing and understanding both the big and little currents, we can steer and navigate our efforts more effectively.

*****NOTE: Chair Galuteria’s entire message is attached*****

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9:16:51)

- a. February 5, 2025 – **DEFERRED (9:17:01 a.m.)**

III. NEW BUSINESS (9:18:16 a.m.)

- a. **2025 OHA State Legislative Package *- Matrix 1** (9:18:42 a.m.)**

***Note: Matrix 1 is for INFORMATION ONLY, No vote will be taken.*

Leina’ala Ley, Chief Advocate, provided an update on the Island Burial Council bill that was getting a second hearing on this day [February 19, 2025]. Public testimony on this bill was overwhelmingly in support.

The Public Land Working Group (PLTWG) made it through the subject matter committees in the House but still needed to go to the Ways and Means committee (WAM).

Kaka’ako Makai still needed to move in the Senate and needed to get to WAM.

Trustee Souza asked if there were any updates or feedback from the House or the Senate on any of our bills. CEO Stracy Ferreira said that there was a lot of positive feedback coming from the House committees on the PLT bill.

- b. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA* - Matrix 2**(9:22:12 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

Leina’ala spoke on a short form bill (Page 5, Item 25) regarding the amended short form bill which proposes to end the work of the working group and replace it with a new working group that will look at settlement. This bill was the Hawaiian Affairs Committee that amended the original bill to include language to propose a master settlement working group to look at a process for OHA and the state to negotiate a settlement of all future claims.

Testimony was submitted by OHA providing comments that OHA would be open to the idea of a working group, but not until the work of the PLTWG is completed before forming a settlement working group. Because PLTWG is doing the land-based inventory, the receipt of the report and the audit that would be necessary to provide a baseline point of negotiation with the State, we proposed they amend the bill. They did not accept the amendments, so if their bill passes, the PLTWG will be eliminated.

OHA will need to continue to be active on this bill to make sure the work of the PLTWG is not prematurely ended before they are able to complete the scope of work.

Trustee Akaka expressed concerns about the working group. **Leina’ala** explained that the proposed working group would be looking at establishing the procedure by which OHA would participate in negotiating a master settlement. We submitted comments focused on ensuring the

public land trust working group continues its scope of work and finishes the land inventory and audit.

Leina'ala suggested that the Board may want to go into executive session to discuss how the Board wants to move forward with this and what position they would take.

Chair Galuteria reminded the Board that it was important to note that that PLT Working Group is still working. Both the Governor and the House have expressed interest in what the Working Group is still working on this.

Trustee Lindsey added that if this bill continues and gets approved, the PLTWG will be done. In response to **Trustee Lindsey's** request for a recommendation, **Leina'ala** said an Executive Session to discuss this issue in detail with the Board's attorneys is preferred.

Trustee Kahele explained his assessment of this bill is that it is in its early stages and short-term bills are common practice. He felt there is still time to see what moves forward, however, he does share others' concerns because the Committee did not accept OHA's suggested amendments. His recommendation was to wait to see what the House does and revisit this item in mid-March, early April.

Chair Galuteria assured **Trustee Akaka** that once crossover comes, the Board will address whatever is on the table regarding this item.

CEO Ferreira shared that the Mauna'ala transfer bill was deferred, and that Senator Richard's asked that they convene at the end of the session with other stakeholders to have a discussion. There was overwhelming support from community members in favor of the transfer of Mauna'ala to OHA; even DLNR did not oppose the bill. Based on some of Senator Richards' comments, it seems he has been talking to other folks behind the scenes and feels there is additional conversations that needs to still occur.

Before voting, **Leina'ala** wanted to correct Matrix 2 as some of the changes made at the February 5, 2025 BAE meeting were not reflected in this meeting's matrix:

- Item 2, SB1193 and HB305 – OPPOSE TO COMMENT
- Item 6, HB780 and SB848 – OPPOSE TO MONITOR

Chair Galuteria asked for a motion. (9:37:41 a.m.)

MOTION: To approve staff's position recommendations as amended on bills naming OHA* as reflected in Matrix 2:
SB1193 and HB305 from OPPOSE to COMMENT
HB780 and SB848 from OPPOSE TO MONITOR
(9:42:41)**

MOVED: Trustee Souza (9:42:43 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Waihe'e (9:42:44 a.m.)

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0)
(9:42:52)**

c. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust* - Matrix 3** (9:43:04 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

Leina'ala explained that the only items to be discussed were the new bills on pages 4 and 5, highlighted in yellow. Item 15, SB1307 [relating to Hawaiian Homelands] states an incorrect position of OPPOSE. Position should be changed from OPPOSED to MONITOR. All other bill positions (not highlighted) have been approved by the Board.

Before further discussing Matrix 3, **Trustee Akaka** asked if SB746, relating to invasive species, could be added to Matrix 3 and/or Matrix 8. She is most interested in the Rhinoceros Beetle. **Leina'ala** will add this bill to Matrix 4.

Trustee Akaka inquired about HB1318. **Leina'ala** explained that the position is COMMENT and the comment is that lands that are set aside would still need to be subject to its 20% share.

Trustee Akaka asked about SB739 relating to land exchange. **Leina'ala** stated that the COMMENT on this bill is basically the same as the comment in HB1318. The comment for all ceded land bills refers to OHA's 20% share.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey suggested the Administration send matrices to the Trustees on a weekly basis to keep them in the loop since the Trustees do not meet every week as was previous practice. **Leina'ala** agreed that she would download matrices weekly. **Trustee Akaka** expressed her support for that suggestion.

MOTION: To approve staff's position recommendations as amended on bills naming OHA* as reflected in Matrix 3:**
HB1318 from OPPOSE to COMMENT
SB738 from OPPOSE to COMMENT
(9:48:41 a.m.)

MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (9:49:52 a.m.)
SECOND: Trustee Souza (9:49:54 a.m.)

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0)
(9:49:56 a.m.)

d. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices* as reflected in Matrix 4****
(9:50:31)

Trustee Akaka asked about HB505 and SB150 relating to Red Hill. Leina'ala said this one bill is supported by many parties as a policy initiative and all parties had a common understanding of oversight regarding what happens with Red Hill. This bill would specify that withing the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), there would be dedicated positions and funding focusing on the Red Hill cleanup. In response to Trustee Akaka's question, Leina'ala confirmed that OHA would help to ensure oversight.

MOTION: TO adopt/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 (9:53:20 a.m.)**

MOVED: Trustee Akina (9:53:30 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (9:53:40 a.m.)

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0)
(9:53:50 a.m.)**

e. **2025 Legislature: Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Housing* - Matrix 5**** (9:54:00 a.m.)

MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Housing* as reflected in Matrix 5
(10:01:19:00 a.m.)**

MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (10:01:39 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:01:40 a.m.)

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0).
(10:01:42 a.m.)**

f. **2025 Legislature: Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Health* - Matrix 6**** (10:01:52 a.m.)

▪ *Testifier: Laulani Teale (10:02:32 a.m.)*

Laulani expressed her disappointment that HB1328 [Relating to Midwives] was deferred.

*Regarding HB1194 [Relating to Midwives] – she asked OHA to please maintain its position as OPPOSE because the bill has not been sufficiently amended to protect Hawaiian rights. They did somewhat amend the bill to protect Native Hawaiian healers’ rights, however, the amendments do not protect the rights of the actual hanau practitioners who are the birthing people, the makuahine. **Laulani** requests OHA continue to OPPOSE this bill but asks we support the amendments they would like to see made to protect Native Hawaiian practitioners:*

- 1. Every person should have the right to choose who attends their birth. The criminalization of any chosen attendant is not acceptable.*
- 2. Cultural and spiritual birth practices must be clearly protected. This is especially vital for indigenous cultural traditions*
- 3. Equity in licensure. Currently, there is no access to clinical licensure.*
- 4. Ability for Kanaka Maoli to be certified as midwives and professional midwives. The current licenses must be able to fulfil their full scope of practice which is important for the safety of our beneficiaries.*
- 5. The term midwife belongs to the community, especially the Hawaiian community with cultural protocols for its use.*

MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff’s recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Health* as reflected in Matrix 6 (10:08:06 a.m.)**

MOTION: Trustee Lindsey (10:08:18 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:08:19 a.m.)

Trustee Akaka asked about HB221 and SB101 relating to Medical School Tuition and if it made more sense for OHA to take a position of MONITOR instead of SUPPORT because she read testimony from those that were concerned that the bill was too restrictive. Leina’ala explained that the intent of the bill was to have the recently graduated physicians stay in Hawai’i and serve our rural communities because we have a shortage of doctors.

Leina’ala wanted to point out that OHA was supporting 1183 rather than HB1194; 1183 died but 1194 was still moving but not on the matrix.

There being no further discussion, **Chair Galuteria calls for the vote (10:10:21 a.m.)**

MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE of 8-1 (10:13:16 a.m.)

Yes – Trustees Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Alapa, Kahele, Lindsey, Souza, Chair Galuteria

Excused – Trustee Alapa not present at the vote

g. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education* - Matrix 7 (10:13:54 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affective Native Hawaiian Education* as reflected in Matrix 7 (10:14:15 a.m.)**

MOVED: Trustee Waihe'e (10:14:16 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Kahele (10:14:22)

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0)
(10:16:00 a.m.)**

h. 2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Development* - Matrix 8- (10:17:34 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Development* - Matrix 8 (10:17:47 a.m.)**

MOVED: Trustee Lindsey (10:17:53 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:17:54 a.m.)

DISCUSSION

Leina'ala wanted to speak a little to HB818 and SB1078 relating to HCDA and that the original thought was for OHA to MONITOR, but after speaking with Hilo staff, the

thinking could change to a position of SUPPORT because the community is open it since HCDA indicated they welcome community input, and Representative Lee Loy's ask for support. However,

Trustees Akaka, Lindsey, and Galuteria expressed how difficult it has been to deal with HCDA and their tendency to overreach which most times is not helpful.

Trustee Kahele informed the Trustees that SB1078 is dead and never got a hearing; he is assuming that HB818 will also die.

There being no further discussion, **Chair Galuteria** called for the vote. **(10:21:27 a.m.)**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0) (10:21:34 a.m.)

i. **2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting HRS Chapter 6E ('Iwi Kupuna)* - Matrix 9** (10:21:48 a.m.)**

- *No testifiers*

Leina'ala commented that Advocacy had consulted with DLNR regarding the Historic Preservation review bills they are monitoring since OHA has been working closely with them.

Trustee Akaka inquired about SB1483 and HB1144 relating to Employment in the State Historic Preservation Program and OHA's decision to change its position from COMMENT to SUPPORT. **Leina'ala** explained that our comments are supportive comments. OHA is not taking an active role, just showing support for the State of Hawaii Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) because OHA wants them to be able fulfill the work they are mandated to do. The Department says having the flexibility to hire non-civil service professional staff (contractors) helps them process applications. It's a little bit outside the role we normally fill, but we want to support them so they can fulfill their mandate. Their work really does require a lot of staff,

MOTION: To adopt/amend the approval of staff's recommendations for position on bills affecting HRS Chapter 6E ('Iwi Kupuna)* as reflected in Matrix 9 (10:25:00 a.m.)**

MOVED: Trustee Waihe'e (10:25:09 a.m.)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:25:13 a.m.)

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (9-0)
(10:25:21 a.m.)**

There was no further business.

MOTION: To adjourn the February 19, 2025 meeting of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (10:25:47 a.m.)

MOVED: Trustee Akaka (10:25:51)

SECOND: Trustee Souza (10:25:53)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:26:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Lei-Ann Stender Durant, Aide

Brickwood Galuteria, Chair



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





2025 OHA State Legislative Package - Matrix 1							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	HB410	SB269	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)	HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
2	SB268	HB409	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
3	HCR193	HR186	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIAL SITE MANAGEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 6E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FROM THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.		HOLT	WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
4	SCR161	HCR193 S R130	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIAL SITE MANAGEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 6E, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FROM THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.		KEOHOKALOLE	HWN	SUPPORT
5	HB409	SB268	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
6	HB1358		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. (HD3)	SOUZA, AMATO, BELATTI, HOLT, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, MARTEN, MIYAKE, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TARNAS, TEMPLO	WTL/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
7	SB269	HB410	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

2025 OHA State Legislative Package - Matrix 1							
Item#	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
8	SB534		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, KEOHOKALOLE, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Kanuha, Wakai	WTL/HWN/HOU, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
9	SB1600		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.	INOUYE	HWN/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT

2025 Legislature:
OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA
Matrix 2





2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2							
ItemNo	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	HB370	SB256	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. (SD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	JDC, WAM	SUPPORT
2	SB345		RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING.	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)	RHOADS, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, KIDANI	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
3	SB903		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	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. (HD1)	KANUHA	JHA, FIN	COMMENT
4	SB1578		RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.	Establishes the official designation of the East-West Center as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc., and exempts state fund appropriations to the East-West Center from chapter 42F, HRS. Renames the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission and amends its functions and membership. Requires the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Expands the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's authority to establish out-of-state offices to include out-of-state facilities to support sister-state or province partnerships 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 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LEE, C., CHANG, Richards	ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
5	HCR122	HR118	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION.	The establishment of an inter-division program to coordinate efforts among state and county agencies is necessary to ensure the successful coordination of efforts in locating, protecting, and restoring Native Hawaiian burial sites and iwi kupuna affected by coastal erosion. Must include, among others, Chairperson of OHA BOT, or the Chairperson's designee.	KILA	WAL, FIN	SUPPORT

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6	SCR92	SR75	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT FORUMS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.	OHA is encouraged to provide legislative engagement forums to educate and empower the Native Hawaiian community regarding the legislative process, and to collaborate with community organizations, educational institutions, and legislative bodies to ensure the accessibility of these forums for this purpose, and provide an annual report to the Legislature.	RICHARDS, GABBARD	HWN	COMMENT
7	SCR93	SR76	URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE TO WORK TOWARDS A JUST CLIMATE FUTURE BY INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTO POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES RELATED TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION, CLIMATE MITIGATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY.	The Governor and the State are urged to work towards a just climate future by integrating indigenous knowledge into policy and decision-making processes related to climate adaptation, climate mitigation, and climate resiliency; formulate and identify goals to facilitate a just climate future that purposefully and meaningfully includes indigenous knowledge as an integral component; and to invest in, integrate, and practice as a key mechanism to achieving a just climate future, Olelo Hawaii.	RICHARDS, CHANG, FEVELLA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA	AEN	SUPPORT
8	SCR167	SR136	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ASSESS ITS READINESS AND ABILITY TO ASSUME STEWARDSHIP OF THE SACRED HAWAIIAN GROUNDS OF MAUNA ALA.	Concerns regarding stewardship and governance of Mauna Ala were raised after ceremonies conducted at the Royal Mausoleum were disallowed despite longstanding traditions, and additional concerns have been raised regarding the proposal to transfer the lands of Mauna Ala from the DLNR to OHA. Certain organizations have expressed their distrust of OHA and dissatisfaction with DLNR's current shortfalls in its care of the sacred grounds. Therefore, OHA is requested to conduct a study assessing its readiness and ability to assume stewardship of the sacred Hawaiian grounds of Mauna Ala.	RICHARDS	HWN	SUPPORT

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9	SCR225	SR200	REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES ON HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH.	Requests the Governor to increase knowledge and use of Native Hawaiian concepts and practices on health and well-being in the State Council on Mental Health. The Governor is urged to ensure that at least two members of the Council demonstrate knowledge or work experience involving Native Hawaiian concepts and well-being, culturally grounded mental health methodologies, or traditional healing and health practices, and that Members of the Council receive annual training, conducted by OHA, on topics related to Native Hawaiian healing and health, including training on cultural awareness and loss of ethnic identity.	FEVELLA	HHS/HWN	SUPPORT
10	HB405	SB272	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
11	HB568	HB1199, HB296	RELATING TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST.	Requires the office of legislative analyst to produce fiscal notes on all fiscal bills. Prohibits a committee from making a decision on a fiscal bill without a fiscal note. Mandates that fiscal notes be made available to the public. Appropriates funds.	SHIMIZU	LMG, FIN	
12	HB603		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	HB663		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	HB671	SB1538	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
15	HB769		RELATING TO ELECTIONS.	Establishes a Democracy Dollars Program to be administered by the Campaign Spending Commission to provide vouchers to eligible residents for the purpose of making contributions to certain candidates, beginning with the 2028 elections.	BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, HUSSEY, KAPELA, PERRUSO, SOUZA	JHA, FIN	

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16	HB997	SB1186	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
17	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
18	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	EED, JHA	COMMENT
19	HB1496		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
20	SB3		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)	INOUE, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, Fevella	WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
21	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
22	SB51		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	JHA, FIN	COMMENT

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23	SB199		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
24	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
25	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
26	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
27	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
28	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

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1	SB439		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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kanuha, San Buenaventura, Wakai	TOU/WAL, FIN	COMMENT
2	SB739		RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE.	Allows the Governor to negotiate land exchanges, subject to approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, to acquire lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange for land for private affordable, workforce, or other housing development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Elefante	WAL, AGR, FIN	COMMENT
3	HB293		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
4	HB305	SB1193	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
5	HB317	SB590	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
6	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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7	SB6		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
8	SB535	SB1188	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
9	SB590	HB317	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
10	SB769	HB143	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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11	SB1188	SB748	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

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Status	Position
1	HB86		RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the establishment of full-time equivalent permanent Makai Watch Coordinator positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	POEPOE, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, ICHİYAMA, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
2	HB306		RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every five years from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/2040. (SD1)	POEPOE, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TARNAS, TODD	WTL, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT
3	HB309		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	WTL/HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
4	HB428	SB1250	RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES.	Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Families Program to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2026 and 2027. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	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	AEN, WAM	SUPPORT

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5	HB505	SB150	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. (SD1)	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	WTL/AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
6	HB969		RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	QUINLAN, AMATO, BELATTI, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KUSCH, LOWEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAM, TODD	HHS/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
7	SB252		RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Clarifies that the importation of any pest or material infested or infected with an insect or other animal, disease, or pest is prohibited. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to administratively inspect any article imported or moved into the State from the continental United States or between the Hawaiian Islands. Prohibits the sale, barter, or donation of items or material that is a pest, is infested or infected with a pest, or prohibited from being sold. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to compel the quarantine, treatment, or destruction of certain materials. Clarifies penalties for various quarantine and import law violations, based in part on whether violations were knowingly committed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kidani	AGR, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
8	SB1250	HB428	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)	RICHARDS, AQUINO, CHANG, GABBARD, MCKELVEY, San Buenaventura	AGR, FIN	SUPPORT
9	HB299	SB548	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 7/1/3000. (SD1)	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	WTL/AEN, WAM	SUPPORT

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10	HB892		RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL RESTRICTIONS.	Establishes limitations on geographical restrictions provided as a condition of probation. (HD1)	TARNAS	JDC	COMMENT
11	SB438		RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits landfill units on land in an agricultural district with class A soils. Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility for solid waste or hazardous waste on land that is near or above a significant aquifer. Clarifies that beginning July 1, 2025, the existing buffer zone between waste or disposal facilities and residential, school, or hospital property lines applies to municipal solid waste landfill units or components, construction and demolition landfill units, and their components. Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of a landfill unit within a no pass zone in a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand, with certain exemptions. Prohibits the use of fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor for certain purposes and imposes requirements on the disposal of these materials. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	DELA CRUZ, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kim	EEP, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT
12	SB890		RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION.	Requires any products labeled, marketed, or sold as "poi" to contain a label stating whether the poi product is made wholly from kalo grown in the State or from kalo sourced outside the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KANUHA	AGR, ECD, CPC	SUPPORT
13	SB1074		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.	Allows an activity or operation that is permitted or authorized under chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and renewed within twelve months preceding the initiation of proceedings to determine whether the activity or operation is subject to environmental review to continue operation for one year while the appropriate agency makes the determination and conducts any necessary environmental review. Allows a person with oversight of the activity or operation to renew the appropriate permits while under the environmental review process. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	INOUE, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, Richards, San Buenaventura	EEP/WAL, JHA	OPPOSE

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14	HB504		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.	Amends the transient accommodations tax rate beginning on 1/1/2027. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires collection of a monthly tax of \$20 per passenger per port entry or any commercial passenger vessel at any port facility under the jurisdiction of the department of taxation. Establishes a Transient Accommodation Tax Enforcement Working Group. Requires the transfer of all agricultural leases under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for certain environmental stewardship projects. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	ICHIYAMA	EDT/WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
15	HB643	SB686	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	HRE/AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
16	SB841		RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and conduct a Marine Life Conservation District Carrying Capacity Program. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to submit a report to the Legislature and adopt administrative rules. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KANUHA, CHANG, DECOITE, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, Gabbard, Richards	WAL, FIN	SUPPORT
17	SB1051		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH.	Designates September as Hawaiian History Month. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, RHOADS, San Buenaventura	CAA, JHA	SUPPORT

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18	SB1100		RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.	Part I: Renames the Department of Agriculture to the "Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity". Renames the Board of Agriculture to the "Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity" and amends the composition of the Board. Part II: Establishes and appropriates funds for a Deputy Director of Biosecurity. Part III: Changes references to the plant and animal declaration form to the "biosecurity form". Part IV: Authorizes and specifies conditions under which the Department may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms. Authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to quarantine an area under certain conditions. Broadens the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program. Part V: Requires the Department to establish and regularly update an invasive species dashboard. Authorizes pest management plans to address, contain, or eradicate pests. Part VI: Appropriates funds for positions for the Department. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, LEE, C., MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS, Gabbard, San Buenaventura	AGR, CPC, FIN	COMMENT
19	SB1396	HB1077	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.	Amends the Transient Accommodations Tax rate beginning on 1/1/2027. Assesses the Transient Accommodations Tax on cruise ship cabins based on the total time the cruise ship is docked at any port in the State. Appropriates funds to DLNR for protection, management, and restoration of the State's natural resources as well as for environmental stewardship, climate and hazard mitigation, and sustainable tourism. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	EEP, TOU/WAL, FIN	SUPPORT
20	HB658		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.	Clarifies the scope of an action subject to environmental review.	HASHEM	EEP, JHA	OPPOSE
21	HB661		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.	Permits, under certain circumstances, a previously permitted or 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. (HD2)	HASHEM	WTL/AEN, JDC	OPPOSE

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22	HB685	SB1003	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
23	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
24	SB19	HB913	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
25	SB446		RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.	Beginning 7/1/2025, prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of a landfill unit or any component of a landfill unit mauka of the underground injection control line without first establishing a buffer zone of not less than one-quarter mile around the landfill unit. 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. (SD2)	DELA CRUZ	EOP, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT

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26	SB504		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
27	SB565		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
28	SB614		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.	Establishes the twenty-eighth day of November of each year as "La Kuokoa", Hawaiian Independence Day, as a state holiday, rather than a day of observance. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	FEVELLA, CHANG, FUKUNAGA	CAA, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
29	SB639	HB1230	RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.	Requires an owner or operator of an underground storage tank or tank system with a confirmed release to meet certain standards for the restoration of the environment. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that any detection of these contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or a tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, WAKAI	EEP, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT

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30	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
31	SB1003	HB685	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
32	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
33	SB1084	HB913	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
34	HB85		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
35	SB639	HB1230	RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.	Requires an owner or operator of an underground storage tank or tank system with a confirmed release to meet certain standards for the restoration of the environment. Establishes a rebuttable presumption that any detection of these contaminants in the vicinity of an underground storage tank or a tank system after a confirmed release is a result of the confirmed release. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, WAKAI	EEP, WAL, JHA	SUPPORT

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1	HB431		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor for the continued implementation of the Kauhale Initiative and Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for the development of supportive housing projects and provision of supportive services for certain households in the supportive housing projects. Effective 6/29/3000. (SD1)	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	HHS/HOU, WAM	SUPPORT
2	HB606		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	HWN/HOU, WAM	SUPPORT
3	HB703	SB878	RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.	Extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to 6/30/2028. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)	CHUN, AMATO, BELATTI, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, ICHİYAMA, 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	HOU/HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
4	HB1294	SB498	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 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KAHALOA	AEN/HOU, WAM	SUPPORT

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5	HB295		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to authorize the transfer of a living beneficiary's place on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands" waitlist for any residential, agricultural, or pastoral tract to a qualified application successor who is at least one-fourth Hawaiian, if the beneficiary dies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	MURAOKA, ALCOS, GARCIA, MATSUMOTO, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, WARD	HSG, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
6	HB464	SB153	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires, for tenancies greater than 90 days, a landlord to notify a tenant of any intent to raise the rent for any subsequent rental agreement or any intent to terminate a rental agreement 60 days before the expiration of the original rental agreement. Requires 90 day's notice for a landlord or tenant to terminate tenancies of three years or more and 60 days" notice to terminate tenancies of less than three years, with certain exceptions. Increases the amount of notice required to terminate tenancies that are less than month-to-month. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	GRANDINETTI, AMATO, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KILA, LA CHICA, MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE	HSG, CPC, JHA	SUPPORT
7	HB605		RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority to approve residential development on certain parcels of land in the Kakaako Makai area. Raises the building height limit 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, 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 Hawaii Community Development Authority to determine a Kakaako Makai Association Fee to be collected from all residential developments on certain parcels to be deposited into a special account in the Hawaii Community Development Revolving Fund to fund various services and projects in the Kakaako Makai area.	HOLT, EVSLIN, GARCIA, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, MARTEN, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, REYES ODA, SAYAMA, SOUZA	WAL, JHA, FIN	COMMENT

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8	HB739	SB490	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	HOU, WAM	SUPPORT
9	HB855		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Provides that a living beneficiary"s place on the Department of Hawaiian Home Land"s waitlist for any residential, agricultural or pastoral tract may be designated for transfer to a successor if the living beneficiary dies before receiving an offer for a tract; provided that the successor shall be at least twenty-five per cent native Hawaiian.	SHIMIZU	HSG, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
10	HB944		RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS.	Authorizes neighborhood boards to solicit suggestions for capital improvement projects and operating budget priorities from residents. Requires each county mayor to consider and respond in writing to the suggestions for capital improvement projects and operating budget priorities submitted by each neighborhood board. Requires each county council to consider the neighborhood boards" recommendations, the mayor"s responses, and county fiscal health in determining the final budget.	HUSSEY, AMATO, BELATTI, IWAMOTO, MATSUMOTO, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, REYES ODA	WAL, JHA, FIN	COMMENT
11	SB28		RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.	Specifies that a simple majority of affirmative votes of the members of the Land Use Commission present at a meeting and qualified to vote is required for any boundary amendment.	CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO	WTL, JDC	OPPOSE
12	SB153	HB464	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires, for tenancies greater than 90 days, a landlord to notify a tenant of any intent to raise the rent for any subsequent rental agreement or any intent to terminate a rental agreement 60 days before the expiration of the original rental agreement. Requires 90 day"s notice for a landlord or tenant to terminate tenancies of three years or more and 60 days" notice to terminate tenancies of less than three years, with certain exceptions. Increases the amount of notice required to terminate tenancies that are less than month-to-month.	CHANG	CPN, JDC	SUPPORT

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13	SB491	HB740	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
14	SB498	HB1294	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
15	SB749		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
16	SB878	HB703	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	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT

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1	HB110	SB249	RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.	Modifies certain benchmark goals and timeline for the Department of Education to provide locally-sourced agricultural and food products. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)	KAHALOA, EVSLIN, GARRETT, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LA CHICA, MATAYOSHI, OLDS	EDU, WAM	MONITOR
2	HB213	SB299 SB1626	RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.	Appropriates funds for the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TAKAYAMA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, SOUZA, TAKENOUCHI, TARNAS, TODD, WARD	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
3	HB239	SB1104	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.	Amends the definition of "child abuse or neglect" to clarify 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 lack of financial resources; and evidence of parental request for support shall not be deemed as evidence of child abuse and neglect. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	MARTEN, CHUN, GRANDINETTI, ICHIIYAMA, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM	HHS, JDC	SUPPORT
4	HB280	SB361	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT.	Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)	TARNAS, AMATO, BELATTI, GARCIA, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KITAGAWA, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TODD	JDC, WAM	SUPPORT

5	HB433		RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for reentry services to connect offenders with community-based services. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	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, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TAM, TARNAS, TEMPLO, TODD, WOODSON, YAMASHITA, Lamosao	PSM, WAM	SUPPORT
6	HB442	SB637	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii system for various nursing programs. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	GARRETT, CHUN, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, MARTEN, OLDS, SAYAMA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
7	HB714	SB294	RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.	Appropriates funds to support educational training programs to expand the State's health care workforce, including funding to support health care certification programs offered in public high schools and education programs that support certified nurse assistants in becoming licensed practical nurses. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	TAKAYAMA, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HASHEM, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, SAYAMA, SOUZA, TAKENOUCI, TAM, TODD, WARD	HHS/EDT, WAM	SUPPORT
8	HB784	SB569	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	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
9	HB957	SB1101	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	TCA	SUPPORT
10	HB1002	SB1321	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. (SD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	PSM, JDC	SUPPORT

11	HB1079	SB1398	RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.	Directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to, either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services Branch staff. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
12	HB1300		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 appropriated funds to be matched by federal funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis before expenditure. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	KILA, CHUN, GARRETT, KAHALOA, LAMOSAO, QUINLAN	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
13	SB104	HB1322	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 by 4/1/2026 to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in restrictive housing and develop a plan for committed persons currently in restrictive housing. Requires a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	ELEFANTE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, LEE, C., SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
14	SB224	HB677	RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assist inmates with obtaining civil identification cards and other identification documents within a certain time. (HD1)	ELEFANTE, AQUINO, CHANG, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA, WAKAI, Fukunaga, Hashimoto, Moriwaki	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT

15	SB292	HB689	RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.	Establishes safe harbor protections for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance. Effective 4/23/2057. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, Fukunaga, Kidani, Moriwaki, Wakai	HSH, JHA	SUPPORT
16	SB298		RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.	Appropriates funds to be expended by the Department of Human Services to increase funding for Medicaid in-home services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, RICHARDS	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
17	SB299	HB213	RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.	Appropriates funds for the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, RICHARDS	HLT, FIN	SUPPORT
18	SB361	HB280	RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT.	Permanently establishes and appropriates funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit. Effective 4/23/2057. (HD1)	MORIWAKI, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, Elefante, Fukunaga, Kanuha	JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
19	SB544		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	JHA	SUPPORT
20	SB694		RELATING TO THE DETENTION OF MINORS.	Prohibits minors from being held in jails, lockups, or prisons for adults.	GABBARD, CHANG	JHA	SUPPORT
21	SB742	HB665	RELATING TO DATA SHARING.	Establishes a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	DELA CRUZ	ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
22	SB960		RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to improve Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rates, including establishing additional positions. Effective 7/1/2027. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT

23	SB961		RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.	Requires the Department of Human Services to adjust the minimum certification periods for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits households, participate in the Elderly Simplified Application Project, and report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA, AQUINO	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
24	SB1028		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. (HD1)	LEE, C., CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, Wakai	HSH, JHA	SUPPORT
25	SB1281	HB557	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 12/31/2027. Effective 12/31/2050. (HD1)	AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, MCKELVEY, Moriwaki, San Buenaventura	HLT, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT
26	SB1304	HB985	RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	AGR, FIN	COMMENT
27	SB1442	HB1123	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HLT/HSH, JHA	SUPPORT

28	SB1609		RELATING TO CHILD CARE.	Requires the Department of Human Services to establish and implement an Early Learning Services Contracts Program to make available a designated number of seats at licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers that meet certain criteria. Requires the Department of Human Services to submit reports to the Legislature. Sunsets the pilot program on 6/30/2028. Effective 12/31/2050. (HD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
29	HB1194		RELATING TO MIDWIVES.	Makes laws regulating midwives and the practice of midwifery permanent. Clarifies the scope of practice of midwifery. Establishes licensure requirements for certified midwives and certified professional midwives. Establishes continuing education requirements. Grants global signature authority to midwives. Grants prescriptive authority to licensed midwives practicing as certified midwives and amends the list of approved legend drugs that may be administered by midwives. Establishes peer review and data submission requirements. Affirms that the practice of midwifery does not include Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Clarifies exemptions from licensure and grounds for refusal to grant, renew, reinstate, or restore licenses or for revocation, suspension, denial, or condition of a license. Clarifies medical record availability and retention requirements for the purposes of medical torts. Effective 6/29/2025. (SD1)	ICHIYAMA, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, TAKAYAMA	HHS, CPN/JDC	COMMENT
30	HCR8	HR8	URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INCLUDE HAWAII IN THE MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS REGIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM.		SOUZA	JHA	SUPPORT

31	SR12	SCR16	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS.	Community health workers are trusted members of local communities who share lived experiences with their neighbors and peers and are experts in navigating complex systems of care and serving as a link between clinical and community-based services and the people who need them most; the resolution names members of a task force to set minimum standards in a report to the legislature before the 2026 session; named members are: 1) A representative from the Department of Health, who shall serve as the chair of the task force; (2) One community health worker from each county; (3) A representative from the Hawaii Public Health Institute; (4) A representative from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; (5) A representative from the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services; (6) A representative from the University of Hawaii - West Oahu ; (7) A representative from Kapiolani Community College; (8) A representative from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; (9) A representative from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and (10) Any additional members with appropriate specialized expertise recommended by task force members and approved by the Chair	KANUHA, CHANG, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA	HHS	SUPPORT
32	HB60		RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE.	Requires and appropriates moneys for the Department of Human Services' Office of Youth Services to develop and implement a program offering individualized service and support teams to assist at-risk and court-involved youth.	SOUZA, GRANDINETTI, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
33	HB129		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

34	HB146	SB781	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
35	HB251	SB734	RELATING TO SOCIAL WORK.	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to develop and establish a social work training program to assist nonviolent incarcerated individuals in the area of social work. Requires progress reports on the program to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	TAM, AMATO, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KILA, LA CHICA, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS, TODD	PBS, HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
36	HB557	SB1281	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
37	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
38	HB610		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
39	HB617	SB119	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

40	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
41	HB665	SB742	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
42	HB677	SB224	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, LEE, M., MARTEN, PERRUSO, PIERICK, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, TODD, WARD	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
43	HB688	SB1004	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.	KAPELA, GRANDINETTI	HLT, FIN	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
44	HB689	SB292	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

45	HB726	SB487	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
46	HB900	SB1228	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	HHS/JDC, WAM	SUPPORT
47	HB905		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
48	HB985	SB1304	RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.	Appropriates funding to the department of agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	AGR, FIN	SUPPORT
49	HB1080	SB1399	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.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
50	HB1126	SB1445	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 develops and makes publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	HLT/HSH, FIN	SUPPORT

51	HB1263		RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.	Establishes a Rehabilitation and Re-entry Services Task Force. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HUSSEY, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, PERRUSO	PBS, JHA, FIN	COMMENT, SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
52	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
53	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
54	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
55	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

56	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
57	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
58	HB1381	SB1228	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.	MARTEN, AMATO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, LAMOSAO, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM	HSH, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT
59	HB1382		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	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
60	HB1399		RELATING TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.	Requires each Department of Education classroom to be equipped with an opioid antagonist. Requires the Department of Education to train employees on opioid-related drug overdose prevention, recognition, and response and opioid antagonist administration. Appropriates moneys.	GARCIA, ALCOS, MATSUMOTO, TAM, WARD	EDN, HLT, FIN	SUPPORT
61	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

62	SB193		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
63	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
64	SB294	HB714	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
65	SB351	HB1284	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
66	SB352	HB1285	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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	RHOADS, GABBARD	AGR, CPC	SUPPORT

67	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
68	SB557		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
69	SB569	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
70	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
71	SB637	HB442	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii System for various nursing programs. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	SAN BUENAVENTURA	HED, FIN	SUPPORT
72	SB715		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
73	SB781	HB146	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
74	SB991		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

75	SB1004	HB668	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
76	SB1040		RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT.	Requires the Office of Wellness and Resilience to conduct a study on the cost and feasibility of establishing a program to acquire and forgive medical debt owed by certain households in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 12/31/2050. (HD1)	LEE, C., HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RHOADS	HLT, CPC, FIN	SUPPORT
77	SB1104	HB239	RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.	Amends the definition of "child abuse or neglect" by clarifying that the failure to provide certain needs to a child constitutes child abuse or neglect only if the person or entity responsible for the care of the child is financially able to provide and fails to do so or is offered financial or other reasonable means to provide and fails to accept these offers.	RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA	HHS, JDC	SUPPORT
78	SB1194		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
79	SB1228	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
80	SB1321	HB1002	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. (SD2)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	PBS, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT

81	SB1398	HB1079	RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.	Directs the Office of Wellness and Resilience to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to, either directly or by contract, design, administer, and implement a program for trauma-informed organizational assessments and a training curriculum for the Child Welfare Services Branch of the Department of Human Services. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HHS, WAM	SUPPORT
82	SB1399	HB1080	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
83	SB1445	HB1126	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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1	HB133	SB178	RELATING TO SURFING.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support the establishment of surfing as an interscholastic sport. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)	QUINLAN, EVSLIN, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAHALOA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SAYAMA, TAM	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
2	HB549	SB426	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)	GARRETT, CHUN, EVSLIN, KILA, LA CHICA, LEE, M., MARTEN, OLDS, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI	HRE/EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
3	HB1345	SB1524	RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION.	Authorizes the Department of Education to subsidize all tuition and mandatory fees for 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 under certain conditions. Effective 7/31/2050. (SD1)	WOODSON, AMATO, COCHRAN, GRANDINETTI, KILA, KUSCH, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAM, TARNAS	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
4	SB119	HB617	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)	HASHIMOTO, DECOITE, FEVELLA, KIM, MCKELVEY	HED, FIN	SUPPORT
5	SB440		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 7/1/3000. (HD1)	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KANUHA, KIDANI, KIM, LEE, C., MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
6	SB1391	HB1072	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacher-requested classroom supplies; provided that the private sector contributes matching funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
7	HB67		RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.	Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires public schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students. Appropriates funds.	POEPOE, BELATTI, CHUN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAM	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT

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8	HB889		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. (HD3)	POEPOE, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KILA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAM, TARNAS	HOU/EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
9	HB891		RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.	Establishes a homeless student stability program and homeless student housing resource program within the University of Hawaii. Establishes a minimum of one benefits navigator position at each University of Hawaii System campus and a position within the University of Hawaii System to coordinate campus positions and initiatives. Appropriates funds.	GARRETT, PERRUSO	HED, HSH, FIN	SUPPORT
10	HB898		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
11	HB826		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for the Department's Hoʻākea 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
12	HB763		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	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
13	HB863	SB1000	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacher-requested classroom supplies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	LA CHICA, AMATO, IWAMOTO, KILA, KITAGAWA, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, POEPOE, REYES ODA, TODD	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
14	HB1072	SB1391	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacher-requested classroom supplies for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT

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15	HB1188		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
16	HB1203		RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION EDUCATION.	Appropriate moneys to the Department of Education to establish a Hawaiian language immersion school, open to students in grades kindergarten through 12, that is located in the Leeward area of the island of Oahu.	REYES ODA	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
17	HB1242	SB1181	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION EDUCATION.	Requires the Department of Education to implement a plan for a Hawaiian language immersion school in Kapolei that shall be ready to educate students in grades kindergarten through 12 by the 2028-2029 school year. Appropriates moneys.	GARCIA, HOLT, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KILA, MATSUMOTO, MURAOKA, PIERICK, QUINLAN, REYES ODA, WARD	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
18	HB1436	SB1631	RELATING TO THE ALOHA SPIRIT, CIVICS, AND DEMOCRACY.	Establishes the Hawaii Civics Collaborative within the Department of Accounting and General Services to promote civics engagement and perpetuate the Aloha Spirit. Requires the Department of Education, University of Hawaii Matsunaga Institute for Peace, Public Access Room, and other community organizations to facilitate civic engagement education statewide. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) civic education specialist positions within the Department of Education. Appropriates funds.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	CAA/EDN, LMG, FIN	SUPPORT
19	SB178	HB133	RELATING TO SURFING.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to support the establishment of surfing as an interscholastic sport.	WAKAI, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, LEE, C., Moriwaki, Richards, San Buenaventura	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
20	SB408		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to increase per-pupil expenditures to \$18,000 per student.	MCKELVEY, CHANG, FEVELLA, KANUHA, RHOADS	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT

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21	SB426	HB549	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
22	SB497		RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, requires the Department of Education to require the teaching of financial literacy to be included in the existing personal transition plan requirement for each student.	RICHARDS, CHANG, DECORTE, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIM, San Buenaventura	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
23	SB529		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	EDN, FIN	SUPPORT
24	SB1000	HB863	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for teacherrequested classroom supplies.	KANUHA	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
25	SB1073		RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.	Authorizes charter school contracts to be renewed for successive ten-year terms of duration.	INOUYE	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
26	SB1181	HB1242	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION EDUCATION.	Requires the Department of Education to implement a plan for a Hawaiian language immersion school in Kapolei that shall be ready to educate students in grades kindergarten through 12 by the 2028-2029 school year. Appropriates moneys.	GABBARD	HWN/EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
27	SB1274		RELATING TO TEACHER WORKFORCE HOUSING.	Establishes a Teacher Workforce Housing Stipend Program to support teacher retention at public and charter schools classified as rural and underserved. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	KANUHA, AQUINO, CHANG, ELEFANTE, GABBARD, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	EDU, WAM	SUPPORT
28	SB1524	HB1345	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 the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for the semester or term that the student enrolls in a State-Approved Teacher Education Program.	RHOADS	HRE, WAM	SUPPORT
29	SB1604		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

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30	SB1631	HB1436	RELATING TO THE ALOHA SPIRIT, CIVICS, AND DEMOCRACY.	Establishes the Hawaii Civics Collaborative within the Department of Accounting and General Services to promote civics engagement and perpetuate the Aloha Spirit. Requires the Department of Education, University of Hawaii Matsunaga Institute for Peace, Public Access Room, and other community organizations to facilitate civic engagement education statewide. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) civic education specialist positions within the Department of Education. Appropriates funds.	IHARA	EDU, JDC/WAM	SUPPORT

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1	HB430		RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS.	Authorizes 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 annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development for placement of interns in state executive branch departments, agencies, and programs. 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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	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	LBT, WAM	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
2	HB774		RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.	Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KAHALOA	EDT/AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
3	SB558		RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.	Establishes a Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates funds for the development of Food and Product Innovation Network facilities. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	DECOITE, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KANUHA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, San Buenaventura, Wakai	AGR, ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
4	HB436	SB729 SB815	RELATING TO ENTERPRISE ZONES.	Amends the definition of "eligible business activity" for enterprise zone program purposes to include retail sales of tangible personal property manufactured and sold in the enterprise zone that is to be used or consumed by the purchaser and not for resale, the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone, and the provision of professional services by health care professionals in health care related sectors.	ILAGAN, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARCIA, GARRETT, HASHEM, HUSSEY, ICHİYAMA, KAHALOA, LAMOSAO, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, REYES ODA, SAYAMA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TEMPLO, WOODSON	AGR/HLT, ECD, FIN	SUPPORT
5	HB663		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

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6	SB231	HB189	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; agricultural tourism includes only those activities that are allowed under existing zoning and land use regulations; and agricultural tourism be allowed only on land on which productive agricultural use is occurring.	GABBARD, CHANG, San Buenaventura	WTL/AEN/EIG/EDT, WAM	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
7	SB294	HB714	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
8	SB992		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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9	SB1251	HB966	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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2025 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting HRS Chapter 6E (Iwi kūpuna)

Matrix 9





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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	SB66		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires permits to be issued by applicable permitting agencies within sixty days of a complete application being filed for certain single-family and multi-family housing projects if certain conditions are satisfied. Automatically deems approved a permit that is either not otherwise approved by the applicable permitting agency within sixty days or for which the applicant has agreed to all changes or recommendations to the plans and specifications made by the applicable permitting agency. Pauses the sixty day permit review period under certain circumstances. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	HSG, WAL, JHA	COMMENT
2	HB830	SB575	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	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, projects on privately-owned historic property, 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 the Department of Land and Natural Resources 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 7/1/3000. (SD1)	MIYAKE, AMATO, EVSLIN, HOLT, KAHALOA, KILA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TARNAS, TODD	WTL/HOU, JDC/WAM	COMMENT>OPPOSE

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Item #	BillNo	Companion	Report	Description	Introducer	Referral	Position
3	SB79		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any proposed housing projects that may affect a historical property, an aviation artifact, or a burial site within ninety days of a request for determination. Establishes historic 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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CHANG, HASHIMOTO	HSG, JHA	COMMENT>OPPOSE
4	SB1002		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 under certain circumstances. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to publish a draft of its proposed rules and later present its proposed final rules to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 7/1/2032. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	KANUHA, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	HSG, WAL, FIN	COMMENT>OPPOSE

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5	SB1263	HB738	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-calendar-day limit 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)	CHANG	HSG, WAL, JHA	COMMENT>COMMENT WITH AMENDMENTS
6	HB1406		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. (SD1)	ILAGAN, HOLT, HUSSEY, MATSUMOTO, TAM, TEMPLO, TODD	EIG, WAM	COMMENT>MONITOR
7	HB284		RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires counties to grant building permits within sixty days if the application is stamped and certified by a licensed engineer and architect and other certain conditions are met.	ALCOS, GARCIA, MATSUMOTO, MURAOKA, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, WARD	HSG, CPC, JHA	COMMENT

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8	HB331	SB167	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
9	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

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10	HB1008	SB1327	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS OF STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any proposed State affordable housing project within ninety days of a request for determination. Bases the historic review requirements on the project area's known or likely density of historic, cultural, and archaeological resources or previous identification of no significant historic properties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL/HOU, JDC	COMMENT
11	HB1087	SB1406	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 under certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN/WTL, JDC	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
12	HB1113	SB1432	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.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	HLT, WAL, FIN	COMMENT
16	HB1143	SB1462	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	SUPPORT
13	HB1144	SB1463	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)	WTL/LBT, WAM	COMMENT

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14	HB1317	SB1200	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. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EVSLIN, MIYAKE	HSG, WAL, FIN	COMMENT
15	SB18		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Appropriate funds into and out of the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund for the State Historic Preservation Division to inventory historic properties and burial sites in the State, collect data on burial site locations, and conduct an archaeological survey necessary to compile the inventory. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	INOUE, CHANG, DECORTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Moriwaki	WTL/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
16	SB143		RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.	Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to commemorate the island of Kahoolawe.	KEOHOKALOLE, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, RHOADS, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA	TCA, WAM	SUPPORT
17	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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18	SB511		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
19	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
20	SB578	HB533	RELATING TO HISTORIC PROPERTY.	Amends the definition of "historic property" under the State's historic preservation program to include only property that predates Statehood Day and, with respect to buildings and structures, is registered on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places.	HASHIMOTO, CHANG, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, San Buenaventura, Wakai	WTL, JDC	OPPOSE
21	SB1174		RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Appropriates moneys for one temporary full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) archaeologist position within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	MCKELVEY, CHANG, San Buenaventura	WTL, WAM	SUPPORT
22	SB1266		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)	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS	WTL/HWN, WAM	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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24	SB1406	HB1087	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.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN/WTL, JDC	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
25	SB1432	HB1113	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, HRS, and makes associated conforming amendments, to take effect upon the one-year anniversary of the passing of the last patient resident of Kalaupapa, as affirmed in a Governor's proclamation. Requires future planning for the Kalaupapa Settlement to include community organizations, including one selected in consultation with the Molokai community. Effective 12/31/2050. (HD1)	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HLT, WAL, FIN	SUPPORT
26	SB1463	HB1144	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM.	Amend sections 6E-3 and 76-16(b), HRS, to allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to employ both civil service and non-civil service professional and technical staff in its State Historic Preservation Program.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL/LBT, WAM	COMMENT