

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200**

**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT
MINUTES**

February 10, 2016 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson John Waihe'e, IV
Trustee Rowena Akana
Trustee Haunani Apoliona
Trustee Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Robert Lindsey
Trustee Colette Machado

EXCUSED:

Vice-Chairperson Peter Apo
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna

BOT STAFF:

A. Uilani Tanigawa
Crayn Akina
Dayna Pa
Harold Nedd
Lady Elizabeth Garrett
Lehua Itokazu
Liana Pang
Louise Yee Hoy
Melissa Wennihan

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ph.D., Pouhana / CEO
Anuheia Patoc, PUBL
Deja Ostrowski, PUBL
Jim McMahon, ADV
Jocelyn Doane, PUBL
Jon Ching, PUBL
Kamaile Maldonado, PUBL
Kawika Riley, ADV
Monica Morris, ADV
Sterling Wong, PUBL
Wayne Tanaka, ADV

GUESTS:

Keali'i Makekau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Waihe'e calls the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 to order at **1:30 p.m.**

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (1:30 p.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	ROWENA	AKANA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	HAUNANI	APOLIONA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	ROBERT	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	COLETTE	MACHADO	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	PRESENT	Arrived at 1:32 p.m.

At the Call to Order, **FIVE (5) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

EXCUSED from the BAE Meeting are:

MEMBERS			COMMENT
TRUSTEE	LEI	AHU ISA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED
TRUSTEE	PETER	APO	MEMO – REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Waiver of the OHA 72-hours prior to a meeting materials distribution policy

Chair Waihe'e seeks a MOTION:

To waive the OHA Board of Trustees Operations Manual practice at which materials will be reviewed, discussed, or acted upon at least 72-hours prior to the meeting regarding items:

IV. New Business

A. 2016 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix1 ; and**

V. Unfinished Business

A. 2016 OHA Legislative Package Updates – Matrix 2**

Trustee Apoliona moves.

Trustee Machado seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Chair Waihe'e asks if anyone votes NO or ABSTAINS. There are no replies.

							1:31 p.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEI	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						EXCUSED
ROWENA	AKANA			X			
VICE-CHAIR PETER	APO						EXCUSED
HAUNANI	APOLIONA	1		X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						Arrived at 1:32 p.m.
ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
COLETTE	MACHADO		2	X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				5	0	0	4

MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that all members present vote 'AE (YES) and the MOTION CARRIES.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS*

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 1**

Chair Waihe'e recognizes Ka Pouhana Kamana'o pono Crabbe.

Pouhana Crabbe greets the committee and calls on Public Policy Manager Sterling Wong and Senior Public Policy Advocate Jocelyn Doane to present the legislative matrices.

Senior Public Policy Advocate Doane: Aloha, we'd like to start off with **BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION** today.

Item #227, HB1931 - Relating to Hawaiian Homes Commission; we recommend changing from ~~Comment~~ to SUPPORT. We've learned a little more about this bill and are comfortable with the language. It would reduce Native Hawaiian blood quantum from 1/4 to 1/32, for successors and transferees to homestead leases. Successor and transferee must be a spouse, child, grandchild, or sibling. For a successor, DHHL originally proposed amending Native Hawaiian blood quantum to 1/8, but Hawaiian Homes Commission reduced it to 1/32 in response to beneficiary feedback. The HB1931, HD1 version eliminates transfers and now applies only to successors.

Item #228, HB2046 – Relating to Military Land; this transfers state lands leased by U.S. Army to the State DOD, we suggest changing from ~~Oppose~~ to COMMENT. This would transfer all State lands leased by the U.S. Army to the State DOD by June 30, 2017; which are public lands and contain culturally significant sites for example Pohakuloa, Mākua, and Kawaihoa. After further review, it appears that even if the State DOD takes public land leased by the U.S. Army, dispositions of public land would still be subject to Chapter 171 and review and public hearing by BLNR, subject to Chapter 92, Sunshine Law. The State DOD may not have the resources to manage these leases and the public lands affected; nor is it clear what will happen after a lease with the U.S. Army ends.

Trustee Akana: We should keep it as OPPOSE anyway.

The BAE Committee concurs with keeping the position as OPPOSE

Senior Public Policy Advocate Doane: Item #229, HB2178, HD1; Relating to Independent Legal Counsel - We recommend changing our position from ~~Monitor~~ to SUPPORT. This allows DHHL to retain full-time attorneys. The bill adds the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to the list of state agencies and commissions that can hire their own attorneys, and no longer subject to representation by the Attorney General. Jobie supports the bill in her capacity as Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) Chair, saying that DHHL has trust duties to beneficiaries, which at times may be at odds with the State's interests. Counsel's legal advice must be strictly in the interests of the HHC and/or DHHL, and an independent counsel removes any conflict of interest. Many people support this bill, but the Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) believes that the Hawaiian Homes Commission and not DHHL should have independent counsel.

Item #231, HB2670; Relating to Ferry Systems (companion measure to SB3090) - we recommend changing from ~~Monitor~~ to COMMENT. This would authorize DLNR and DOT to lease public lands to the operator of a ferry service at a nominal fee or no rent. In exchange, the operator would provide its ferry service to the state for nominal fees or for free. In some cases, public lands, can and have been leased for less than full-market value (FMV). However, even if leasing lands for less than FMV, the State should ensure that in-kind and other benefits provide a fair rate of return for the beneficiaries of the Public Land Trust (PLT). Also, it's not clear that free ferry service for the State is a fair return for nominal rent lease of what could be extremely lucrative public lands to a private entity, particularly when the environmental and socioeconomic costs of the entity's operations are unknown. An EIS might indicate the potential for impacts to the public or natural or cultural resources; that may require substantial State resources to mitigate or obviate. Accordingly, this measure may wish to include provisions that better ensure a fair rate of return to all PLT beneficiaries, for the lease of public harbor lands to a ferry operator.

Item #233, SB2313; Relating to Equal Pay - we are recommending changing our position from ~~Monitor~~ to SUPPORT. This bill changes statutes relating to the provisions of equal pay discrimination and prohibits employers from mandating employees not to discuss wages. OHA data shows extreme disparities in income for Native Hawaiian women, particularly single mothers, which may be related to disparate earnings because of sex discrimination. Even though a greater percent of Native Hawaiian women (17.9%) have BAs (Bachelor of Arts) or higher degrees, compared to Native Hawaiian men (15.0%) and a greater percent of employed Native Hawaiian women are in management, business, science, and arts occupations (31.5%), compared to employed Native Hawaiian men (18.8%); there are income disparities for Native Hawaiian women. Native Hawaiian women's median income is 85.44% of Native Hawaiian male median income, 88.95% of total state women median workers, and 75.36% of total state male median income.

Item #234, SB2583; Relating to Composting Toilets - we recommend changing from ~~Oppose~~ to MONITOR. This bill mandates that the counties approve composting toilets. While concerns remain that such a broadly-worded mandate will require the approval of "composting toilets" that in fact exacerbate public health and groundwater concerns, the bill's language does not particularly impact the Hawaiian community to the extent that we should oppose.

Item #235, SB2743; Relating to Kalo - we are recommending changing from ~~Support~~ to COMMENT; to comment on the excise tax exemptions.

Trustee Machado: We should keep this one as SUPPORT, in regards to tax exemptions for our kalo farmers.

The BAE Committee concurs with keeping the position as SUPPORT

Senior Public Policy Advocate Doane: Moving on to **NEW BILLS** – Item #1, HB665 Relating to Collective Bargaining; we recommend OPPOSE because of the constitutional issues relating to OHA having the exclusive rights on how to spend our trust funds. This measure as drafted would give OHA a minority-voice in determining and negotiating over wages. Also, they haven't contacted any of our staff as far as I know, to ask if we're even interested in being unionized.

Item #22, HB1809; Relating to Drug Paraphernalia - this measure would change drug paraphernalia charges from a felony to a civil violation. We are suggesting SUPPORT in line with the research and data that had been collected in our Criminal Justice Task Force Report.

Item #96, HB 2734; Relating to Criminal Justice - this is the elimination of drug mandatory-minimum sentences. According to research, mandatory-minimum sentences were a strategy on the war on drugs, which we feel has failed. It has caused prison populations to grow. We know that in Hawai'i from the 1970s until now, we have seen our prison population explode 1400% over the last three to four decades. Our 2010 Criminal Justice Report found that mandatory-minimums are a significant factor to the increase in Native Hawaiians incarceration, specifically. By eliminating the mandatory-minimum, the judges and the parole board would have greater discretion to consider mitigating factors, rehabilitation, and other options; so we're suggesting SUPPORT.

Item #100, HB 2761; Relating to Conservation Districts - this measure would basically adjust the Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) criteria for when a State agency is going to submit for a CDUP. It would basically override the criteria for protecting resources in the Conservation District when there is a public benefit. The first thing that came to my mind was Mauna Kea. This would allow a State agency to submit a CDUP and avoid the more in-depth criteria that exists now in the Hawai'i Administrative Rules for much easier ones because they would claim that there's public benefit. This is bigger than Mauna Kea. This is the protection of our watershed, forest lands, and most vulnerable lands; so we recommend OPPOSE.

Item #156, SB2679; Relating to Check Cashing - this may look familiar. It's very similar to the Pay Day Loan bill. This would put a cap on the pay day loans. It would also allow the loan recipient to only be charged the fee, if the loan is paid back in a quick amount of time; rather than charged the fee and the interest rate; so we are recommending SUPPORT.

Items #218 – 221, HCR13, HCR14, HCR15, and HCR16 and the Senate versions Items #222 – 225, SCR10, SCR11, SCR12, and SCR13 are all Leased Fee Sales. We are recommending COMMENT on all of these measures. The first one HCR13 / SCR10 is a ceded lands parcel in Waimanalo, the other three are not ceded lands.

Senior Public Policy Advocate Doane: Next we'll go over the **OHA Impacted Bills**. Item #311, HB1635; Relating to Commercial Real Property and a very similar measure Item #464, HB2173 - these are the forced leasehold conversion bills that we recommend OPPOSE.

Item #497, HB2449 Proposing a Constitutional Amendment Relating to the Conservation, Control and Development of Resources - our position is OPPOSE and it looks like this bill will die.

Item #506, HB2556; Related to Mauna Kea Lands Management - this is a measure that would cancel the lease with DLNR and name a new Mauna Kea Management Commission. Our position was COMMENT. However this measure is going to die because it did not get a hearing by this week's deadline.

Item #522, HB2750; Relating to Native Hawaiians - this is the measure that would establish a Native Hawaiian Task Force within OHA. Our position is OPPOSE and it had a hearing today.

Item #852, SB2497; Relating to Public Boards - this is the measure that would require if a Board Member did not attend four consecutive meetings they would automatically be removed from serving. Our position is MONITOR because it didn't seem that the intent would apply to Elected Boards. The bill did not move anyway, so it looks like it's going to die.

Senior Public Policy Advocate Doane: We'll now go over the Geothermal Bills. We want to thank Jessica who has been working on these bills; the Geothermal Regulatory Scheme is very complicated. I'll give you a little background on this. Basically, prior to Act 97 which deleted all the subzone language, BLNR was authorized to designate *geothermal resource subzones*. In order for you to do any sort of exploration or development of geothermal energy, you have to get your parcel into a subzone. The regulations didn't distinguish between explorations and development. Since Act 97, now there are no longer subzones. It's not clear whether or not by deleting language they actually deleted the counties authorities to give out permits. With Act 97, they've also distinguished exploration from development which makes sense because exploration is a lot less intense as development in regards to environmental impact.

Item #20, HB1732 - this would not bring the subzones back but it would restore some of the safeguards and provisions that were found before. Specifically, it would restore the permitting provisions. So it would be clear that the County has the authority to regulate geothermal in the agricultural, rural, and urban lands and the BLNR has the authority to regulate development in the conservation districts. There would be no contested case requirement; the criteria would be the same. So given all that, we are suggesting SUPPORT on this measure.

Item #106, SB1197 - again this does not restore the subzones regulatory scheme but it does restore the criteria we discussed before. It would require a hearing in the area where the development would occur. We are recommending COMMENT because it would prohibit hydraulic fracturing and the way that's defined may actually be how geothermal is produced. In the past, we would Oppose a measure with hydraulic fracturing, but in this case the way it is defined, it could actually inhibit geothermal development and exploration.

Item #128, SB2267 - we are suggesting SUPPORT of this measure. It would restore some of the safeguards that were in Act 97. This measure would make clear when the counties have jurisdiction and when the BLNR has jurisdiction and it would require hearings.

Item #140, SB2535 - this is the last geothermal measure. We are recommending COMMENT because it would give the authority to regulate to the State, but it doesn't clarify who has the authority to regulate with regards to permitting.

Trustee Machado moves to approve Administration's recommendations on NEW BILLS (1 – 226) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (227- 235), along with the following revisions:

CHANGE:

- Item 228, HB2046 from Comment to remains OPPOSE; and
- Item 235, SB2743 from Comment to remains SUPPORT

on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated February 10, 2016, as amended.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey seconds the motion.

Highlight = Bills that were discussed				Peach = In BAE Meeting Change	
ITEM #	BILL #	REPORT	DESCRIPTION	POSITION	IN BAE MEETING CHANGE
			New Bills		
1	HB665	RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.	Grants OHA officers and employees collective bargaining rights. Gives OHA voting rights as a public employer. (HB665 HD1)	OPPOSE	
2	HB868	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Requires BOE to annually re-establish statewide performance standards, and the means to assess the standards, based upon multiple forms of assessment.	MONITOR	
3	HB956	RELATING TO SPECIAL SHORELINE ENCROACHMENT EASEMENTS.	Provides the Board of Land and Natural Resources discretion to grant easements for less than fair market value for structures that were authorized by a governmental authority and legally constructed landward of the shoreline within the record boundary of the landward property at the time of construction, but are now located seaward of the valid certified shoreline on public land.	MONITOR	
4	HB1144	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME.	Proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution guaranteeing that victims of crime and their surviving immediate family members have specific rights related to information pertaining to and participation in the criminal justice process.	MONITOR	
5	HB1222	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Expands the scope of the Hawaiian language college revolving fund at the University of Hawaii at Hilo to allow any funds generated by the Hawaiian language college, Hawaiian language support center, and indigenous outreach program through fees for services, training, and the sale of all products to be deposited into the revolving fund and expended at the discretion of the Hawaiian language college.	SUPPORT	
6	HB1223	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Requires the Hawaiian language college at the University of Hawaii at Hilo to establish a four-year pilot Hawaiian language medium preschool program as part of the Hawaiian language college laboratory school program for the school years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019. Requires a report to legislature prior to the regular sessions of 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.	MONITOR	

7	HB1224	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Establishes a pilot program to provide tuition free classes at the Hawaiian language college to high school students. Requires the pilot program to be designed, implemented, and operated by the Hawaiian language college and initiated at a laboratory school program within reasonable proximity to the Hawaiian language college.	SUPPORT	
8	HB1524	RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY.	Establishes a property assessed clean energy program to promote renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Increases a property's tax assessment to make loan payments. Authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds and appropriates bond revenues to finance the program.	MONITOR	
9	HB1525	RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER.	Establishes a criminal offense for sitting or lying on state property or for possessing camping equipment on state property for the purpose of camping on the property. Exempts certain permitted activities.	OPPOSE	
10	HB1535	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Short form bill relating to public safety.	MONITOR	
11	HB1538	RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER.	Amends the offense of public urination and defecation by (1) expanding the prohibition to apply statewide beyond the Downtown Honolulu district; (2) amending the penalties for violations to graduated fines; and (3) repealing the statutory sunset date.	MONITOR	
12	HB1559	RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE.	Prohibits civil asset forfeiture by reason of the commission of a covered offense, to the extent of the property owner's interest, unless the covered offense is a felony for which the property owner has been convicted.	MONITOR	
13	HB1564	RELATING TO DENTAL SERVICES.	Prohibits dental service organizations, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a dentist who provides services to its subscribers to provide services for a set fee unless they are covered services.	MONITOR	
14	HB1606	RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.	Allows homeless persons to replace their lost, stolen, destroyed, or mutilated civil identification cards free of charge.	MONITOR	
15	HB1621	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS.	Appropriates funds for the establishment of after-school programs for public middle and intermediate school students.	MONITOR	
16	HB1630	RELATING TO SECURITY INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY.	Requires a mortgagee or record assignee to provide to a mortgagor or borrower, upon full satisfaction of the mortgage and discharge of the secured debt, a reassignment or release of security interests in leases and rents that served as additional security for the mortgage. Authorizes title insurers or underwritten title companies to make demands on mortgagees and, in the absence of compliance, to reassign or release mortgagees' security interests in leases and rents on behalf of the mortgagee or record assignee, under certain conditions. Authorizes certain entities to institute an action in any circuit court to obtain the release or reassignment instrument in the absence of compliance of a mortgagee or record assignee.	MONITOR	
17	HB1637	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Appropriates moneys for the University of Hawaii to hire six additional staff attorneys.	MONITOR	
18	HB1689	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Amends the existing ethanol facility income tax credit to include other renewable fuels.	MONITOR	
19	HB1730	RELATING TO ENERGY TARIFFS.	Requires electric utilities that use a time-of-use feature in its rate structure to include a credit to the eligible customer-generator for any net electricity produced during peak hours of usage.	MONITOR	
20	HB1732	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.	Restores the review process for proposed geothermal resources development projects.	SUPPORT	
21	HB1751	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Broadens the definition of renewable energy.	MONITOR	
22	HB1809	RELATING TO DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.	Changes drug paraphernalia possession and delivery offenses from felonies to civil violations.	SUPPORT	
23	HB1823	RELATING TO NET ENERGY METERING.	Increases capacity limits on net energy metering and establishes excess energy volumes for systems installed after June 30, 2016.	MONITOR	
24	HB1850	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Allows transient accommodations brokers to register as tax collection agents to collect and remit general excise and transient accommodations taxes on behalf of operators and plan managers using their services.	MONITOR	

25	HB1909	RELATING TO EQUAL PAY.	Amends the provisions for equal pay and sex discrimination for substantially similar work. Clarifies the employer defenses. Prohibits employer actions regarding wage disclosure.	SUPPORT	
26	HB1933	RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS.	Allows notice of a land use violation to be given via a posting on a searchable government website when attempts to serve the notice in person and by mail have been unsuccessful.	MONITOR	
27	HB1958	RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOW INCOME RENTAL SUBSIDIES.	Exempts rental subsidy payments for Section 8 and Housing First Programs from the state general excise tax.		
28	HB1984	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Authorizes affordable employee housing for employees in the agricultural district.	COMMENT	
29	HB1985	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS.	Voids any planned community association restriction on the construction of agricultural buildings on agricultural classified land.	MONITOR	
30	HB1995	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.	Requires the PUC to establish preferential rates for the purchase of energy that is used or consumed for agricultural activities. Requires the PUC to require electric and gas utilities to develop energy storage technology incentive programs to provide incentives to agricultural customers to acquire energy storage technology for use at the agricultural customers' sites.	MONITOR	
31	HB2045	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.	Limits subdivisions of agricultural district lands to no more than five lots if the fee simple interest in any of the lots is being sold or otherwise transferred to anyone within the second degree of consanguinity of the landowner.	COMMENT	
32	HB2057	RELATING TO MINERAL RESOURCES.	Revises statutory provisions relating to the regulation of mineral resources under chapters 171 and 182, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide clarity and consistency.	MONITOR	
33	HB2091	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Permits agricultural tourism uses and activities, including overnight accommodations, in conjunction with bona fide farming operations on agricultural district lands statewide and establishes operational and income requirements.	COMMENT	
34	HB2097	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.	Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to coordinate with the Office of Planning and work in conjunction with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation when developing a public housing project on property within one-half mile of a transit station. (HB2097 HD1)	MONITOR	
35	HB2127	RELATING TO LABOR.	Requires certain employers with fifty or more employees to provide sick leave to service workers for specified purposes under certain conditions. Defines the terms "service worker" and "employer". Effective 1/1/17.	MONITOR	
36	HB2128	RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE.	Establishes a family leave insurance program, which requires employees to make contributions into a trust fund to be used to provide employees with family leave insurance benefits in order to care for a designated person. Appropriates funds to DLIR to implement the program.	MONITOR	
37	HB2180	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Appropriates funds to establish long-term Hawaiian language resources and capacity building to train experts in the Hawaiian language field.	MONITOR	
38	HB2185	RELATING TO CARBON FARMING.	Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who practice carbon farming for agricultural purposes on property located in agricultural districts.	MONITOR	
39	HB2210	RELATING TO COASTAL PROTECTION.	Authorizes counties to establish a surcharge on real property taxes collected from oceanfront properties. Requires counties to deposit surcharges collected into a special fund to be used for coastal protection and management programs and activities.	MONITOR	
40	HB2220	RELATING TO INSURANCE.	Requires health insurance coverage for lifestyle and nutrition programs intended to treat various conditions.	SUPPORT	
41	HB2228	RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.	Requires all students in the twelfth grade in public schools who are eligible to vote to register to vote as a requirement of graduation. Requires the Department of Education to hold a one-hour class session for all twelfth-grade students in public schools that is dedicated to elections and voting.	COMMENT	
42	HB2230	RELATING TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY.	Requires hosting platforms that offer or advertise a residential unit on the Internet for transient occupancy to report certain information annually to the DCCA. Provides for administrative fine to be deposited into the compliance resolution fund.	MONITOR	
43	HB2231	RELATING TO ENERGY COOPERATIVES.	Clarifies that a publicly owned energy cooperative may be considered an energy project and project party for purposes of receiving financing through special purpose revenue bonds.	MONITOR	
44	HB2236	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Replaces the current renewable energy technology systems tax credit with tax credits for solar energy property, wind energy property, and energy storage property. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2016.	MONITOR	

45	HB2246	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes a seven-year limit on tenants in state low-income housing projects. Prohibits state low-income housing units from being passed along from one individual to another. Requires unemployed tenants who live in state low-income housing to perform community service or enroll in classes.	MONITOR	
46	HB2270	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.	Restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture, for the enhancement of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs. Establishes the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority Special Fund and appropriates moneys to that fund to implement the Authority and relevant invasive species projects.	MONITOR	
47	HB2271	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes a grant program within chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	MONITOR	
48	HB2272	RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM.	Improves the effectiveness of Hawaii biosecurity program by establishing the program as a function of the whole department of agriculture. The improvement of Hawaii biosecurity goes beyond the confines of the plant quarantine branch and often also includes other groups both inside and outside of state government.	MONITOR	
49	HB2277	RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION.	Amends the membership of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Provides the chairperson of the commission with the authority to establish an advisory committee composed of past commission members to advise the chairperson on historical and archival background of the commission. Amends the support staff function. Amends the mission and purpose of the commission.	MONITOR	
50	HB2289	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.	Amends the definition of "community-based organization." Amends the qualifications for community-based economic development grants to include technical assistance to community-based organizations. Reduces the number of community-based economic development advisory council members from twelve to nine. Updates non-discrimination language. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii community-based economic development revolving fund.	MONITOR	
51	HB2291	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Amends the "renewable portfolio standard" definition to more accurately reflect the amount of renewable energy generation in Hawaii by amending the renewable portfolio standard calculation to be based on electrical energy generation as opposed to electrical energy sales.	MONITOR	
52	HB2300	RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.	Requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act and submit a written report to the Legislature. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
53	HB2301	RELATING TO THE HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.	Amends the composition of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, expanding it from five to seven members.	MONITOR	
54	HB2347	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.	Exempts Hawaii Public Housing Authority lands from the definition of "public lands" in section 171-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	MONITOR	
55	HB2352	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.	Requires charter schools to administer and pay charter schools workers' compensation claims, and secure necessary funding to support payment for charter schools workers' compensation liabilities under one of the several options allowed by the Hawaii workers' compensation law, including self-insurance. Effective July 1, 2016.	COMMENT	
56	HB2384	RELATING TO PAROLE.	Specifies that funds for discharged persons be subject to legislative appropriation. Clarifies circumstances under which the Hawaii Paroling Authority may grant early discharges. Provides discretion to the paroling authority with respect to initial pardon consideration as it relates to paroled prisoners.	MONITOR	
57	HB2417	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.	Adds the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of Transportation as members of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness.	MONITOR	
58	HB2424	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.	Requires DOA to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
59	HB2433	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Allowing access to complementary and alternative health care practitioners who are not providing services that require medical training and credentials. Regulating the activities and advertisements of complementary and alternative health care practitioners.	MONITOR	
60	HB2459	RELATING TO RENTAL HOUSING.	Requires that, in counties with a population of 500,000 or more, moneys from the rental housing revolving fund be used solely for properties within TOD zones or urban core areas.	MONITOR	

61	HB2508	RELATING TO A COMMUNITY STATE BANK.	Establishes the community state bank. Directs the bank to offer low-interest small loans to only individuals who do not otherwise qualify for financing and requires those individuals to achieve financial literacy.	MONITOR	
62	HB2520	RELATING TO THE KAKAOKO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.	Repeals the Kakaako community development district.	MONITOR	
63	HB2521	RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY.	Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to each county for the establishment of a vacant or unoccupied residential property registration program in each county that requires the owner of vacant or unoccupied residential property or owner's agent to register the property with the county police department in the county where the property is located.	MONITOR	
64	HB2535	RELATING TO ASTRONOMY.	Establishes an astronomy scholarship program to be administered by the BLNR for baccalaureate students in astronomy at a public or private institute of higher education in the State. Establishes a special fund for the scholarship program.	MONITOR	
65	HB2546	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes the agriculture grant program and special fund to provide grants to qualified farmers for certain farming activities. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
66	HB2555	RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP.	Authorizes the board of agriculture to allow persons to research, grow, and sell industrial hemp. Requires licensure of persons to purchase unprocessed, harvested industrial hemp. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
67	HB2566	RELATING TO ELECTRICITY.	Establishes criteria for the PUC's methodology in determining the rate that a public utility should pay a producer for nonfossil fuel generated electricity that the producer supplies to the public utility.	MONITOR	
68	HB2567	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.	Establishes "substantial net benefit" as the Public Utilities Commission's standard for a transfer or assignment of a franchise.	MONITOR	
69	HB2569	RELATING TO ENERGY.	Requires the DOE to: (1) establish a goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use by 1/1/2035; (2) establish microgrid pilot projects at two public schools that are civil defense shelters; and (3) expedite the cooling of all public school classrooms to a temperature acceptable for student learning. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the implementation of cooling measures in public school classrooms.	MONITOR	
70	HB2570	RELATING TO ENERGY MODERNIZATION.	Prohibits counties from requiring buildings served by a microgrid to be connected to an otherwise available source of electrical power. Excludes microgrids from being regulated as public utilities.	MONITOR	
71	HB2571	RELATING TO ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITY TRANSFORMATION.	Requires investor-owned electric utilities to phase out their acquisition, ownership, and use of new and existing generation resources.	MONITOR	
72	HB2572	RELATING TO ENERGY.	Eliminates the use of coal as a fuel for electricity generation by 2023 by prohibiting the approval of such power purchase agreements and recovery of such power purchase costs.	MONITOR	
73	HB2573	RELATING TO ENERGY.	Prevents the Public Utilities Commission from approving power purchase agreements that prohibit the sale of energy to third parties or require the utility consent to the sale of energy to third parties.	MONITOR	
74	HB2574	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Requires reporting guidelines for large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations across the State. Establishes disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various environmentally sensitive areas.	MONITOR	
75	HB2582	RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff.	MONITOR	
76	HB2584	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes an on-farm mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole farm system approach to agriculture. Appropriates funds as a grant for existing on-farm mentoring programs and a pilot on-farm mentoring program in Maui.	MONITOR	
77	HB2604	RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.	Clarifies that acceptance by the territorial legislature or the legislature of a dedication of land by a private owner is sufficient to convey title to the State.	MONITOR	
78	HB2608	RELATING TO DEFERRED DEPOSITS.	Requires registration of check cashers, requires bond, requires verification that customer has only one deferred deposit agreement outstanding at any time, allows extended payment plan by customer, increases investigatory and enforcement powers, and increases penalties for violations.	COMMENT	
79	HB2609	RELATING TO DRUG OFFENDERS.	Mandates the enrollment of certain drug offenders into the Judiciary's substance abuse treatment program.	MONITOR	
80	HB2615	RELATING TO DEFERRED DEPOSIT LENDING.	Creates a deferred deposit lending database program in DCCA to assist a deferred deposit lender in determining the eligibility of a potential borrower of a deferred deposit loan. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	

81	HB2616	RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Establishes a community net energy metering program. Requires the public utilities commission to administer the program.	MONITOR	
82	HB2617	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Authorizes the counties to petition LUC to reclassify lands. Requires LUC to group contiguous lands, set land boundary standards, ensure land use descriptions conform to the state plan and county plans. Establishes criteria and guidelines for districting and classification of urban, rural, agricultural, and conservation districts. Clarifies jurisdiction of the counties for amendments to district boundaries for lands 15 acres and less. Establishes requirements for special use permit applications. Requires LUC to conduct the five year regional boundary change review. Repeals section relating to real property tax assessment where the State administered the property tax.	OPPOSE	
83	HB2619	RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.	Gives the Real Estate Commission enforcement powers over planned community associations.	MONITOR	
84	HB2623	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.	Allows the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to evict a tenant if the tenant is convicted of a felony related to the Authority's property or funds.	MONITOR	
85	HB2636	RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES.	Restricts solar energy facilities in residential housing areas in agricultural districts to no more than twenty-five kilowatts in capacity.	MONITOR	
86	HB2638	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.	Authorizes the Public Housing Authority to impose maximum rental periods of seven years for state low-income housing projects which receive State funds for repair and maintenance or capital improvement. Requires rates for the seven-year rentals to be fixed for entire term of lease. Establishes a savings account for the authority to provide matching funds for tenants who choose to participate in those seven-year rentals. Authorizes GO bonds. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
87	HB2640	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.	Establishes the homeless emergency action response team program in DHS. Appropriates moneys.	MONITOR	
88	HB2647	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.	Establishes a three-year Work for a Day Pilot Program to be administered by the City and County of Honolulu that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
89	HB2658	RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.	Authorizes a county to seek an exemption or modification of the state building codes as applicable in that county. Authorizes the state building code council to grant code exemptions and modifications for a county.	MONITOR	
90	HB2675	RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH.	Appropriates funds for research to combat rapid ohia death.	MONITOR	
91	HB2676	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes, within CTAHR's agribusiness incubator program, a five-year energy independent farming community pilot project. Appropriations.	MONITOR	
92	HB2689	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Provides energy-efficient air conditioning to all public school classrooms within five years. Appropriates funds and authorizes general obligation bonds for public school air conditioning.	MONITOR	
93	HB2693	RELATING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION.	Establishes two positions in the State Historic Preservation Division in the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	MONITOR	
94	HB2698	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Allows for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes of building infrastructure and constructing homes on Hawaiian home lands.	MONITOR	
95	HB2717	RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.	Requires the Director of Human Services to apply annual cost of living increases to the income and asset thresholds for medicaid eligibility.	SUPPORT	
96	HB2734	RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE.	Repeals mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses. Establishes a mental health specialist position in the Office of the Public Defender. Authorizes evidence-based sentencing alternatives to incarceration. Requires fiscal impact statement for legislation relating to sentencing and corrections.	SUPPORT	
97	HB2736	RELATING TO BALLOTS.	Requires that all information included on a ballot be in both English and Hawaiian.	MONITOR	
98	HB2744	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Amends the low-income housing tax credit by removing provisions related to subawards issued under section 1602 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Clarifies the allocation of tax credits for pass-through entities. Bases the amount of the tax credit on whether or not a building is financed by tax-exempt bonds. Removes reference to Internal Revenue Code sections regarding the application of at-risk rules and limitation of passive activity losses and credits.	MONITOR	
99	HB2747	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.	Designates the area within a one-half mile radius from any location along the rail corridor of the Honolulu rail transit system as the transit-oriented development district. Excludes areas within the Kakaako community development district from the new district. Add 3 members from the new district to the Hawaii community development authority.	MONITOR	

100	HB2761	RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.	Specifies the criteria to be used for evaluating conservation district use applications submitted by public agencies.	OPPOSE	
101	HB2771	RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.	Requires that rental housing project developers who receive tax and law exemptions and fail to complete a project, pay a penalty of no less than the tax exemption amount and comply with the exempted laws.	MONITOR	
102	SB224	RELATING TO FARMS.	Creates an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income is \$200,000 or less. (SD1)	SUPPORT	
103	SB593	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Part II: Amends the primary mission of the agribusiness development corporation to be local food production. Part III: Requires the DOA and the ADC to submit annual reports regarding land dispositions to the legislature and to post a copy of the reports on the Internet. Part IV: Requires that lands managed by the DOA and the ADC are disposed of in a variety of sizes and to diversified tenants to support a diversified agricultural economy. Part V: Requires the DOA and ADC to lease each year at least fifty per cent of land managed by the DOA and ADC, respectively, to operations whose primary business is local food production, beginning 1/1/2016. (SD1)	SUPPORT	
104	SB679	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME.	Proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution guaranteeing that victims of crime and their surviving immediate family members have specific rights related to information pertaining to and participation in the criminal justice process.	MONITOR	
105	SB719	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Requires DOA to establish an affordable farming land trust for the purpose of providing affordable long-term, renewable leases to farmers.	MONITOR	
106	SB1197	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.	Establishes a geothermal resources development permit system. Prohibits hydraulic fracturing. Makes appropriation to county of Hawaii.	COMMENT	
107	SB1325	RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.	Requires that all contracts between private entities that include disposal of waste or solid waste include a requirement of proof that the waste was received and disposed of at a licensed facility before payment is made for those contractual services.	SUPPORT	
108	SB2006	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Provides a general excise tax exemption for certain food or food ingredients.	MONITOR	
109	SB2038	RELATING TO THE INCREASED ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE SMALL DOLLAR LOANS PILOT PROGRAM.	Establishes the increased access to responsible small dollar loans pilot program, within the department of commerce and consumer affairs division of financial institutions, to increase the availability of responsible small dollar investment loans of at least \$300 but less than \$2,500. Specifies requirements of the program, including application requirements, interest rates, use of finders, and fees. Requires a preliminary report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018 and a final report no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021. Pilot program repeals June 30, 2021.	MONITOR	
110	SB2048	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.	Proscribes licensing requirements and enforcement provisions for transient vacation rentals under the department of commerce and consumer affairs. Requires license beginning on 1/1/2017.	MONITOR	
111	SB2050	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Establishes the joint campus of the John A. Burns school of medicine and the University of Hawaii cancer center as the Hawaii health sciences campus at the University of Hawaii at Kakaako, to be an administratively separate branch of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Appoints the dean of the John A. Burns school of medicine as the administrative head. Converts the bond debt service owed by the University of Hawaii cancer center to a general obligation bond and combines it with the John A. Burns school of medicine debt. Requires a five-year business plan to be submitted to the legislature by 01/01/17. Appropriates funds for the transition into a joint campus.	MONITOR	
112	SB2051	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Establishes the John A. Burns school of medicine scholarship program, which covers the cost of tuition and fees for a full course of study at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine in exchange for a service commitment of five years in the State upon the completion of residency. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
113	SB2054	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Exempts gross proceeds from the sale of certain medical services from the general excise tax.	MONITOR	
114	SB2088	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION.	Appropriates funds to the department of human services homeless programs office for services to obtain government issued identification.	MONITOR	

115	SB2093	RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE CONVEYANCE TAX COLLECTIONS TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND.	Restores the allocation of conveyance tax collections to the rental housing revolving fund to 50%.	MONITOR	
116	SB2104	RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF RESTITUTION FOR CRIME VICTIMS.	Creates standards and procedures for income-withholding for purposes of enforcing restitution orders. Amends the definition of "debt" relating to the recovery of money owed to the State to include court-ordered restitution subject to civil enforcement. Provides priority of income withholding orders. Extends victims' access to adult probation records to include access to payment compliance records. Requires that any bail posted by a defendant be applied toward payment of any court-ordered restitution in the same case. Appropriates funds.	MONITOR	
117	SB2110	RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS FOR JUVENILES INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.	Appropriates funds to the department of education for two alternative schools to provide ongoing education to juveniles involved in the justice system or at risk of involvement in the justice system.	COMMENT	
118	SB2117	RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS.	Allows a permanent absentee voter to temporarily receive a ballot at an alternate address for elections within an election cycle. Clarifies that certain conditions that normally lead to a termination of permanent absentee voter status do not apply if the voter resides in an absentee ballot only area. Replaces references to facsimile ballots with references to electronically transmitted ballots. Allows a voter to receive an absentee ballot by electronic transmission if the voter requires such a ballot within five days of an election, or the voter would otherwise not be able to return a properly issued ballot by the close of polls. (SD1)	MONITOR	
119	SB2131	RELATING TO ENERGY.	Restores the amendments made to sections 243-1 and 243-4(a), HRS, which sunsetted on December 31, 2015. Clarifies that naphtha fuel, used in a power-generating facility, is subject to the fuel tax at a rate of 2 cents per gallon, retroactive to January 1, 2016. (SD1)	MONITOR	
120	SB2147	RELATING TO INCARCERATION ALTERNATIVES.	Establishes an alternative incarceration pilot program with mandatory electronic monitoring under the department of public safety for parolees and the judiciary for probationers. Establishes criteria for eligibility, conditions, and retake. Makes appropriations. Repeals on 12/31/2019.	MONITOR	
121	SB2149	RELATING TO FORFEITURE.	Requires the department of the attorney general to establish a working group to review and discuss Hawaii's forfeiture laws and make recommendations to improve these laws.	MONITOR	
122	SB2154	RELATING TO MEDICINE.	Requires the John A. Burns school of medicine to convene a working group to discuss nutrition and lifestyle behavior for the prevention and treatment of chronic disease before July 1, 2017. Requires a report to the legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018.	MONITOR	
123	SB2160	RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.	Expands the definition of "aggravated circumstances", as used in chapter 587A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Child Protective Act, to include situations where the parent is a repeat criminal offender of specific crimes; has been repeatedly incarcerated, resulting in the child's placement in foster care; has placed the child or a sibling of the child in foster care more than once; had parental rights voluntarily or involuntarily terminated; failed to comply with pre-permanency or permanency requirements; has physically abused or neglected the child; or has engaged in human trafficking involving the child or another child of the parent or has solicited, aided, abetted, attempted, or conspired to engage in human trafficking of the child or another child of the parent. Requires parents to complete any court ordered service plan before being reunified with their child.	COMMENT	
124	SB2162	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.	Appropriates funds to establish long-term Hawaiian language resources for the judiciary. (SD1)	MONITOR	
125	SB2198	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Extends the reentry pilot project for nonviolent, low-risk drug offenders. Makes an appropriation. Repeals on June 30, 2018.	MONITOR	
126	SB2229	RELATING TO PAID LEAVE.	Requires twelve weeks of partially paid leave at a maximum rate of sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of an employee's monthly wage. Establishes the partial wage replacement for paid leave trust fund to be funded by employee contributions from payroll deductions. Makes an appropriation to the DLIR for administrative expenses and new positions.	MONITOR	

127	SB2262	RELATING TO FORFEITURE.	Specifies that no property shall be forfeited unless the owner or interest-holder of the property has been convicted of a covered offense or indicted for a covered offense and there is a significant risk that the property will be destroyed or otherwise made unavailable, and the State has met its rebuttable presumption for forfeiture. Requires the State to show by clear and convincing evidence that a claimant's interest in the property is subject to forfeiture.	MONITOR	
128	SB2267	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.	Establishes a geothermal development permitting system under county and state permitting entities. Establishes public notice and public hearing requirements for geothermal resources development.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
129	SB2278	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Provides an income tax credit for a portion of the cost of removing invasive species trees from private property and replacing invasive species trees with non-invasive species trees.	MONITOR	
130	SB2280	RELATING TO A COMMUNITY STATE BANK.	Establishes the community state bank. Directs the bank to offer low-interest small loans to only individuals who do not otherwise qualify for financing and requires those individuals to achieve financial literacy.	MONITOR	
131	SB2283	RELATING TO INSURANCE.	Requires health insurance coverage for lifestyle and nutrition programs intended to treat various conditions.	SUPPORT	
132	SB2354	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.	Requires the director of taxation to issue a certificate of registration with the letters "TVU", which signifies transient vacation unit, to an operator or plan manager furnishing transient accommodations to a transient for less than thirty days; provided that amended certificates of registration with the letters "TVU" and existing registration identification numbers may be issued for existing certificates of registration, as applicable. Establishes penalties for providing a false registration identification number.	MONITOR	
133	SB2368	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST PELATRON POWER EVOLUTION LLC.	Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Pelatron Power Evolution LLC with the development of renewable energy power plants within the State.	MONITOR	
134	SB2399	RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Requires all state agencies to obtain the governor's written approval on a request for, amendment to, or supplement to research corporation services for a project.	MONITOR	
135	SB2444	RELATING TO ELECTIONS.	Requires the office of elections to join the Electronic Registration Information Center and share information with counties to encourage voter participation and ensure integrity of voter registration rolls. Appropriates moneys.	MONITOR	
136	SB2464	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Requires the department of human services to establish and collect a new residential development fee from developers for certain new residential development projects and establishes the homelessness and affordable housing special fund for the purposes of building, renting, and rehabilitating housing to be used as housing for the homeless.	MONITOR	
137	SB2509	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Establishes a seven-year limit on tenants in state low-income housing projects. Prohibits state low-income housing units from being passed along from one individual to another. Requires unemployed tenants who live in state low-income housing to perform community service or enroll in classes.	MONITOR	
138	SB2514	RELATING TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY.	Requires hosting platforms that offer or advertise a residential unit on the Internet for transient occupancy to report certain information annually to the DCCA. Provides for administrative fine to be deposited into the compliance resolution fund.	MONITOR	
139	SB2534	RELATING TO PUBLIC PURPOSE PROJECTS REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITY INVOLVEMENT.	Establishes a simplified regulatory process and procurement mechanism for the public utility commission to review public purpose projects and direct public utilities to procure electricity and fuel from the public purpose projects at a rate authorized by the commission.	MONITOR	

140	SB2535	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL.	Allows counties to adopt ordinances to regulate geothermal resources exploration conducted less than one mile from a residence if the ordinance is not inconsistent with state law. Prohibits counties from adopting ordinances to regulate geothermal resources exploration conducted one mile or more from a residence. Clarifies that the regulation of geothermal resources development and geothermal resources exploration is reserved to the State unless delegated to the counties by statute. Requires the lessee of a mining lease to comply with all water and air pollution control laws, relating to building, grading, and flood control codes. Requires the rules of the board of land and natural resources regarding mining operations, geothermal resource development, and geothermal resource exploration, including drilling conditions and restrictions, to be uniform throughout the State. Effective retroactive to 12/4/2012.	COMMENT	
141	SB2536	RELATING TO WHEELING FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.	Authorizes state educational institutions to utilize wheeling to transmit renewable energy generated electricity to themselves at other locations, and requires the public utilities commission and electric utilities to adopt rules and tariffs consistent with the wheeling mandate.	MONITOR	
142	SB2547	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Requires the Auditor to periodically review certain exemptions, exclusions, and credits under the general excise and use taxes, public service company tax, and insurance premium tax. Assesses a surcharge on taxpayers who file returns and benefit from an exemption, exclusion, or credit. Requires the deposit of the surcharge into the audit revolving fund.	MONITOR	
143	SB2548	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Requires the Auditor to periodically review certain credits, exclusions, and deductions under the income tax and financial institutions tax. Assesses a surcharge on certain taxpayers who file returns and benefit from credits, exclusions, and deductions. Exempts from the surcharge low-income taxpayers who claim the food/general excise tax credit and renter's tax credit, and taxpayers who claim credits for employment-related expenses for household and dependent care services or for the purchase of child passenger restraint systems. Requires the deposit of the surcharge into the audit revolving fund.	MONITOR	
144	SB2564	RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.	Transfers the state rent supplement program from the Hawaii public housing authority to the department of human services on 07/01/17. Establishes a short-term limited exemption from chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the adoption of initial rules by the department for the program. Makes an appropriation and authorizes 2.00 positions to prepare for the transfer.	MONITOR	
145	SB2566	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Transfers excess moneys from the dwelling unit revolving fund and rental assistance revolving fund to the rental housing revolving fund.	MONITOR	
146	SB2567	RELATING TO PROBATION.	Authorizes court to condition probation on requirement that a convicted defendant stay nightly in a homeless facility. Clarifies that probation may be imposed for conviction of a county crime. Appropriates moneys from the general fund for implementation. Effective 01/01/17.	COMMENT	
147	SB2568	RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.	Authorizes a police officer to issue a citation in lieu of making an arrest if the person resides at a specific address or stays nightly in a homeless facility. Allows the court, as a condition of release on bail, recognizance, or supervised release, to require a defendant without a current residence to stay nightly in a homeless facility. Appropriates general funds to the judiciary for implementation. Effective 01/01/2017.	COMMENT	
148	SB2586	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Requires the department of education to provide public school students with a whole child education curriculum, air conditioning in certain classrooms, and decrease class size. Requires sufficient allocation of special education teachers and provides special education teachers with additional preparation time and funding. Establishes the student loan subsidy program and special fund. Expands vocational, technical, and career pathway programs. Amends weighted student formula factors to be considered by the committee on weights. Limits participation in standardized tests, prohibits the use of standardized test scores for evaluation purposes, authorizes standardized testing exemptions, and requires the board of education to provide notice of the right to opt-out of standardized testing. Requires all eligible children to attend preschool by the 2020-2021 school year. Amends evaluation program for teachers and educational officers. Increases the general excise tax. Makes appropriations.	MONITOR	
149	SB2598	RELATING TO EDUCATION.	Appropriates funds to the department of education to hire teachers in the areas of fine arts, Hawaiian and Polynesian studies, Hawaiian language, vocational programs, and mentoring.	MONITOR	
150	SB2620	RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND LIABILITY.	Extends the conclusive presumption of signage as legally adequate warning of dangerous conditions to "non-natural" conditions on unimproved public land.	MONITOR	

151	SB2623	RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS.	Clarifies that housing projects claiming an exemption pursuant to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, cannot claim an exemption from the school impact fee.	MONITOR	
152	SB2629	RELATING TO THE PUUHONUA COMMISSION.	Establishes the puuhonua commission within the department of public safety to help post-incarcerated persons, probationers, and parolees reintegrate into society. Creates county advisory committees to advise the commission. Establishes a special fund. (SD1)	COMMENT	
153	SB2630	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Allows committed persons to create approved products and crafts that may be sold through the correctional industries program to the public. Requires that all moneys collected from the sale of products and crafts to be deposited into either the correctional industries revolving fund or the committed person's account. Repeals the prohibition of the sale of such products on the open market.	SUPPORT	
154	SB2641	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.	Requires the PUC to establish preferential rates for the purchase of energy that is used or consumed for agricultural activities. Requires the PUC to require electric and gas utilities to develop energy storage technology incentive programs to provide incentives to agricultural customers to acquire energy storage technology for use at the agricultural customers' sites.	MONITOR	
155	SB2656	RELATING TO MARIJUANA.	Establishes a civil penalty for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana or marijuana concentrate that is subject to a fine of not more than \$100. Makes various conforming amendments to statutes to reflect the establishment of the civil violation for possession of marijuana or marijuana concentrate of one ounce or less.	MONITOR	
156	SB2679	RELATING TO CHECK CASHING.	Specifies a customer has the right to rescind a deferred deposit by returning the principal amount used to fund the deferred deposit within a specified time frame. Permits customers to convert a deferred deposit into an installment loan plan in certain circumstances and specifies requirements for the installment loan plan. Protects against harmful collection practices. Defines annual percentage rate. Requires a check casher to provide a written agreement to a customer that clearly discloses specific information relating to the cost and fees associated with the deferred deposit, among other things. Caps the annual percentage rate at no more than thirty-six per cent for deferred deposit of a personal check. Permits prepayment of deferred deposit agreements with no additional fees.	SUPPORT	
157	SB2693	RELATING TO TAXATION.	Allows transient accommodations brokers to register as tax collection agents to collect and remit general excise and transient accommodations taxes on behalf of operators and plan managers using their services.	MONITOR	
158	SB2733	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Appropriates funds for the shallow rent subsidy program for homeless working individuals or families who are ready to rent permanent housing in order to obtain and maintain permanent housing. Appropriates funds to the department of human services. Also appropriates funds to the department of human services to continue to administer housing first programs for chronically homeless individuals.	MONITOR	
159	SB2734	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and the appropriation of funds for deposit into the dwelling unit revolving fund for the development of infrastructure and improvements of on-site and off-site development.	MONITOR	
160	SB2749	RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES.	Provides an exemption from school impact fees for housing developments constructed by nonprofit housing organizations in which the units are rented or sold to persons or families earning up to eighty per cent of the area median income.	MONITOR	
161	SB2759	RELATING TO HEALTH.	Allowing access to complementary and alternative health care practitioners who are not providing services that require medical training and credentials. Regulating the activities and advertisements of complementary and alternative health care practitioners.	MONITOR	
162	SB2761	RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIALS.	Establishes a temporary iwi reinterment working group to create a process to reinter Native Hawaiian remains in the possession of the State, whose provenience is unknown, or in other special circumstances, on the island of Kaho'olawe.	COMMENT	
163	SB2775	RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SECTION 1332 STATE INNOVATION WAIVER.	Authorizes the State to submit and implement a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.	MONITOR	
164	SB2780	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.	Authorizes the charter school commission to adopt interim rules. Establishes requirements for meeting minutes. Authorizes charter schools to assess fees and charges for co-curricular activities.	COMMENT	
165	SB2784	RELATING TO DEFERRED DEPOSITS.	Requires registration of check cashers, requires bond, requires verification that customer has only one deferred deposit agreement outstanding at any time, allows extended payment plan by customer, increases investigatory and enforcement powers, and increases penalties for violations.	COMMENT	

166	SB2787	RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP.	Provides the authority, procedures, and licensing requirements related to the production of industrial hemp as an agricultural product. Requires the department of agriculture to promote industrial hemp research and development of markets for industrial hemp. Requires the possession, use, sale, or transfer of industrial hemp for research and development purposes to not constitute certain offenses involving a detrimental drug.	MONITOR	
167	SB2793	RELATING TO BROADBAND.	Extends the provisions of Act 264, SLH 2013, which requires the State and the counties to take action within sixty days for broadband-related permit applications, requires the State to take action within one hundred forty-five days for use applications for broadband facilities within the conservation district, establishes other requirements regarding broadband-related permits, and subjects weight load for utility poles to capacities established by the FCC and PUC. Repeals on June 30, 2023.	MONITOR	
168	SB2794	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.	Establishes licensing requirements, penalties, and enforcement provisions for transient vacation rentals under the department of commerce and consumer affairs. Takes effect on 1/1/2017.	MONITOR	
169	SB2806	RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION.	Amends the membership of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission. Provides the chairperson of the commission with the authority to establish an advisory committee composed of past commission members to advise the chairperson on historical and archival background of the commission. Amends the support staff function. Amends the mission and purpose of the commission.	MONITOR	
170	SB2818	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.	Amends the definition of "community-based organization." Amends the qualifications for community-based economic development grants to include technical assistance to community-based organizations. Reduces the number of community-based economic development advisory council members from twelve to nine. Updates non-discrimination language. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii community-based economic development revolving fund.	MONITOR	
171	SB2820	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Amends the "renewable portfolio standard" definition to more accurately reflect the amount of renewable energy generation in Hawaii by amending the renewable portfolio standard calculation to be based on electrical energy generation as opposed to electrical energy sales.	MONITOR	
172	SB2822	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.	Enables the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop mixed-use developments in partnership with state and county departments and agencies. Effective 7/1/2016.	MONITOR	
173	SB2833	RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.	Increases funding for affordable rental housing development by making the State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit more valuable. Reduces State Tax Credit period from ten to five years.	MONITOR	
174	SB2834	RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND.	Authorizes the creation of Regional State Infrastructure Improvement Subaccounts within the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund and the use of the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to provide loans and grants to finance regional state infrastructure improvements in areas of planned growth.	MONITOR	
175	SB2869	RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS UNDER THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT.	Amends the Child Protective Act to allow the Department of Human Services to access criminal history records without consent of individuals identified as alleged perpetrators of harm or threatened harm to a child, and individuals identified as adult household members living in the family home with the alleged victim child. (SD1)	MONITOR	
176	SB2881	RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.	Requires charter schools to administer and pay charter schools workers' compensation claims, and secure necessary funding to support payment for charter schools workers' compensation liabilities under one of the several options allowed by the Hawaii workers' compensation law, including self-insurance. Effective July 1, 2016.	COMMENT	
177	SB2899	RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SECTION 1332 WAIVER.	Authorizes the Governor to submit and implement a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.	MONITOR	
178	SB2913	RELATING TO PAROLE.	Specifies that funds for discharged persons be subject to legislative appropriation. Clarifies circumstances under which the Hawaii Paroling Authority may grant early discharges. Provides discretion to the paroling authority with respect to initial pardon consideration as it relates to paroled prisoners.	MONITOR	
179	SB2917	RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.	Creates an exemption from Hawai'i Revised Statutes Â§343-5 for a jail facility to be built adjacent to Halawa Correctional Facility and funding therefore and makes clarifying amendments.	COMMENT	
180	SB2927	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX LICENSES.	Requires that any license issued under section 237-9, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, be renewed annually; permits the department to charge a fee for annual renewals; and permits the department to require annual renewals be applied for online.	MONITOR	

181	SB2936	RELATING TO LAND DISPOSITIONS.	Clarifies the statute that authorizes the Department of Transportation to negotiate disposition of lands under its control for specific purposes.	OPPOSE	
182	SB2946	RELATING TO INDIGENOUS HAWAIIAN ARCHITECTURE.	Authorizes indigenous Hawaiian architecture on agricultural lands to be used for farm worker housing.	COMMENT	
183	SB2967	RELATING TO COMMUNITY FOOD FORESTS.	Establishes a community food forest program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that shall work collaboratively with local government and community organizations to provide sources of healthy food statewide. Appropriate funds.	MONITOR	
184	SB2974	RELATING TO TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS.	Requires registration of transient vacation rentals with the director of commerce and consumer affairs prior to operating or doing business in the State. Permits certain nonconforming uses of transient vacation rentals. Establishes penalties for noncompliance with registration requirements and allocates associated fines to the compliance resolution fund. Authorizes the counties to impose additional regulations. Registration requirements effective January 1, 2017.	MONITOR	
185	SB2978	RELATING TO FRESHWATER RESERVOIRS.	Requires the department of land and natural resources, with the collaboration of the department of agriculture, to identify, purchase, and rehabilitate freshwater reservoirs in central Maui suitable for fishing and agriculture. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the purposes of this Act.	MONITOR	
186	SB2983	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR UKUMEHAME RESERVOIRS.	Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to provide financing to assist West Maui Investors, LLC, with 2 Ukumehame reservoirs.	MONITOR	
187	SB2987	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.	Makes permanent the annual \$103,000,000 allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues to the counties. Requires the establishment of a state-county functions working group in 2022 to recommend the allocation of transient accommodation tax revenues between the State and counties based upon the division of duties and responsibilities for the provision of public services.	MONITOR	
188	SB2990	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.	Appropriates moneys for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to assist with its staffing and operating costs.	MONITOR	
189	SB2997	RELATING TO STATEWIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING.	Part I: Designates the office of planning as the lead agency to coordinate and advance transit-oriented development planning in the State. Requires that the office of planning approve all state agencies' and executive branch agencies' development plans for parcels along the rail transit corridor, including any properties that the State may obtain in the future. Part II: Establishes a transit-oriented development advisory group to develop, in collaboration with the office of planning, a unified action plan for the implementation of transit-oriented development on a state level.	MONITOR	
190	SB2998	RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.	Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of existing public housing stock in the State.	MONITOR	
191	SB3005	RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.	Appropriates moneys to the department of health to hire five full-time employees (5.0 FTE) and retain consultants to monitor the United States Navy and the United States Defense Logistics Agency's compliance with an Administrative Order on Consent regarding leaks of fuel at the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility.	MONITOR	
192	SB3006	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	Requires reporting guidelines for large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations across the State. Establishes disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various environmentally sensitive areas.	MONITOR	
193	SB3008	RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.	Requires providers and health plans to gather data regarding homeless individuals' use of medical assistance programs.	MONITOR	
194	SB3019	RELATING TO GRAY WATER.	Prohibits the issuance of new building permits unless it is established that the building will be furnished with equipment that allows for the collection and use of gray water for irrigation. Provides for exemptions.	MONITOR	
195	SB3022	RELATING TO FERRIES.	Requires the department of land and natural resources to conduct any necessary environmental assessment for the establishment of an intra-state or inter-state ferry system and makes an appropriation. Provides a non-refundable tax credit and a fifty per cent reduction in harbor fees for the first year of operation for any company operating an inter-island ferry vessel.	MONITOR	

196	SB3025	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUAI.	Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects by the department of water, county of Kauai for the Lihue/Kapaa water system projects and the Haena/Wainiha water system project.	MONITOR	
197	SB3031	RELATING TO IRRIGATION.	Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation systems.	MONITOR	
198	SB3037	RELATING TO LIPOA POINT.	Requires DLNR to implement a management plan for Lipoa point on Maui.	MONITOR	
199	SB3043	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Temporarily bans the use of pesticides containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos. Repeals 6/30/2017.	MONITOR	
200	SB3046	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Amends Hawaii's Right to Farm Act to ensure that counties cannot enact laws, ordinances, or resolutions to limit the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in agricultural practices.	MONITOR	
201	SB3047	RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH.	Appropriates funds for research to combat rapid ohia death.	MONITOR	
202	SB3054	RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.	Requires counties to include specific regulations for alternative housing in their building codes, and ordinances allowing alternative housing parks to be established.	MONITOR	
203	SB3058	RELATING TO LOCALLY GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.	Establishes a temporary task force to discuss how to meet the long-term goal of requiring all state departments to use locally grown agricultural products. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
204	SB3059	RELATING TO INDIGENOUS ARCHITECTURE.	Allows any state or county agency to designate public and private lands under certain conditions for the construction of indigenous architecture.	COMMENT	
205	SB3063	RELATING TO A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS.	Requires the department of land and natural resources, in consultation with the office of the governor and the department of human services, to establish a transitional housing center for the homeless at Sand Island state recreation area. Makes an appropriation.	MONITOR	
206	SB3065	RELATING TO KAENA POINT.	Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to provide full-time coverage and monitoring.	MONITOR	
207	SB3066	RELATING TO WATERSHEDS.	Establishes a Hawaii watershed stewardship council pilot program to monitor and test the quality of water in local watersheds. Appropriates funds for the first year of the pilot program. Repeals on 6/30/2018.	MONITOR	
208	SB3078	RELATING TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.	Permits developers of low-income housing to apply Hawaii low-income housing tax credits in four years instead of ten years.	MONITOR	
209	SB3081	RELATING TO LABOR.	Appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support on-the-job training for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company on Maui.	MONITOR	
210	SB3084	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.	Disallows the tax credit for cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection for taxpayers whose adjusted gross income exceeds certain amounts.	MONITOR	
211	SB3086	RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY.	Establishes community based net energy metering in the State.	MONITOR	
212	SB3087	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ORGANIC WASTE.	Prohibits the disposal of commercial organic material waste at landfills or waste-to-energy facilities in the State, beginning January 1, 2020. Requires all generators of commercial organic material to use alternative means of disposal of waste, such as donation, compost, biofuel production, anaerobic digestion, thermal combustion of organic materials, or animal feed. Establishes the solid waste infrastructure advisory committee.	MONITOR	
213	SB3088	RELATING TO HYDROELECTRIC POWER.	Permits hydroelectric facilities on Agricultural District lands that are considered small hydropower facilities under federal law.	MONITOR	
214	SB3089	RELATING TO PESTICIDES.	Prohibits the use of pesticides containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos.	MONITOR	
215	SB3090	RELATING TO FERRY SYSTEMS.	Requires the department of transportation to implement an intra-island or inter island ferry system.	COMMENT	

216	SB3097	RELATING TO HOUSING.	Amends provisions relating to low income housing income tax credit. Removes eligibility for taxpayers owning a low income building awarded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Allows owners of buildings not to be financed with tax-exempt bonds to claim fifty per cent of the applicable percentage of the qualified basis of each building located in Hawaii. Allows owners of buildings financed with tax-exempt bonds to claim one hundred per cent of the applicable percentage of the qualified basis of each building in Hawaii. Raises the state aggregate housing credit dollar amount from \$1.25 to \$1.75 multiplied by the state population in the calendar year.	MONITOR	
217	SB3098	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Requires the department of agriculture, in consultation with the senate president and speaker of the house of representatives, to prepare and revise a plan for the acquisition of agricultural land having value to the State. Authorizes the board of directors of the agribusiness development corporation, in consultation with the senate president and speaker of the house of representatives, to acquire agricultural land having value to the State. Establishes an agricultural land acquisition fund. Requires the department of agriculture to manage the agricultural lands acquired.	MONITOR	
218	HCR13		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-648 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
219	HCR14		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 47-394 KEOHAPA PLACE, KANEOHE, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
220	HCR15		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-029 KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 128, MILILANI, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
221	HCR16		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-946 MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 264, MILILANI, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
222	SCR1		SUPPORTING GAME MAMMAL, GAME BIRD, AND FISHING RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND TO PRESERVE LONG STANDING LOCAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES.	MONITOR	
223	SCR10		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-648 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
224	SCR11		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 47-394 KEOHAPA PLACE, KANEOHE, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
225	SCR12		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-029 KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 128, MILILANI, HAWAII.	COMMENT	
226	SCR13		APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-946 MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 264, MILILANI, HAWAII.	COMMENT	

Highlight = Bills that were discussed				Peach = In BAE Meeting Change	
ITEM #	BILL #	REPORT	DESCRIPTION	POSITION	IN BAE MEETING CHANGE
			Bill Positions for Reconsideration		
227	HB1931	RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT.	Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain transferees and successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.	COMMENT > SUPPORT	
228	HB2046	RELATING TO MILITARY LAND.	Transfers all state land leased by the United States Army to state DOD by June 30, 2017. Requires DOD to submit a report to the legislature.	OPPOSE > COMMENT	OPPOSE
229	HB2178	RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL.	Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to employ and retain independent counsel.	MONITOR > SUPPORT	
230	HB2419	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.	Authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to employ or retain independent counsel.	MONITOR > SUPPORT	
231	HB2670	RELATING TO FERRY SYSTEMS.	Requires the department of transportation to implement an intra-island or inter island ferry system.	MONITOR > COMMENT	

232	SB2994	RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOMES.	Allows the Hawaiian homes commission or the department of Hawaiian home lands to retain independent legal counsel as needed. Authorizes the Hawaiian homes commission and the department of Hawaiian home lands to use the services of the attorney general as needed and when the interests of the State, Hawaiian homes commission, and department of Hawaiian home lands are aligned. Provides that funds paid to independent legal counsel shall be paid by the State. Effective June 30, 2016.	MONITOR > SUPPORT	
233	SB2313	RELATING TO EQUAL PAY.	Amends the provisions for equal pay and sex discrimination for substantially similar work. Clarifies the employer defenses. Prohibits employer actions regarding wage disclosure.	MONITOR, SUPPORT > SUPPORT	
234	SB2583	RELATING TO COMPOSTING TOILETS.	Mandates the counties to approve the installation and use of composting toilets in areas that are inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems.	OPPOSE > MONITOR	
235	SB2743	RELATING TO KALO.	Supports kalo (taro) farming by designating the protection of kalo farming as a state objective and provides zoning, income tax, and general excise tax exemptions for kalo farming activities.	SUPPORT > COMMENT	SUPPORT

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any further discussion. There is none.

Chair Waihe'e calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

							2:14 p.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEI AHU ISA							EXCUSED
DAN AHUNA							EXCUSED
ROWENA AKANA							Departed at 2:10 p.m.
VICE-CHAIR PETER APO							EXCUSED
HAUNANI APOLIONA				X			
CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			2	X			
ROBERT LINDSEY				X			
COLETTE MACHADO	1			X			
CHAIR JOHN WAIHE'E				X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				5	0	0	4

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Chair Waihe'e notes for the record that the **MOTION PASSES**.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2016 OHA Legislative Package Updates – Matrix 2**

Public Policy Manager Wong: Tomorrow is the Triple Referral Filing deadline. Next week is the First Lateral deadline which will come very quickly.

For our package, OHA-8 Relating to the Mauna Kea Lands - our sense is that the legislature does not want to take up any Mauna Kea bills this year. The House version HB1658 is going to miss the triple referral deadline this week and the Senate version SB2127 is highly unlikely to be heard as well. This will more than likely not move this session.

OHA-9 Relating to Notice to the Public in the Environmental Review Process, HB1657 got a hearing yesterday and they amended the bill to make it a pilot program just for OHA until 2020. So we'll see how that goes. At the next hearing, we will ask that the bill revert back. The Senate version SB2126 still has time to move.

OHA-10 - these are the remnant bills. HB1656 did not meet the triple referral deadline; so it's dead. SB2125 SD1 passed out the second week of session. So I think moving forward, this will be the vehicle. To be clear, the House has always been the issue on this bill; so we will keep you posted on that. DLNR is fine with the bill; they may have some minor language changes to the preamble.

OHA-11; this is our PLT bill. SB2124 SD1 passed out of committee and HB1655 had a hearing today that Sherry Broder and Kawika Riley attended. They defected the effective date and passed it out with no discussion. Tomorrow we have a presentation to the Senate Caucus on this bill. Thank you to Kūhiō and Auli'i for getting the word out, as well as all those who came to SUPPORT our bill.

VI. BENEFICIARY COMMENTS*

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hulu Lindsey moves to adjourn the BAE meeting.

Trustee Apoliona seconds the motion.

Chair Waihe'e asks if there is any discussion. There is none.

Chair Waihe'e asks if any members vote NO or ABSTAIN. There are no dissenting votes.

							2:26 p.m.
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEI	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						EXCUSED
ROWENA	AKANA						Departed at 2:10 p.m.
VICE- CHAIR PETER	APO						EXCUSED
HAUNANI	APOLIONA		2	X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
COLETTE	MACHADO			X			
CHAIR JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				5	0	0	4

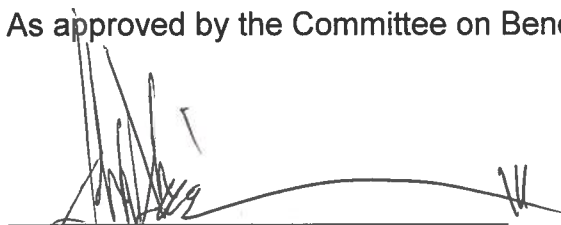
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Chair Waihe'e adjourns the BAE meeting at 2:26 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Wennihan
Trustee Aide
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

As approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment on March 2, 2016.



Trustee John Waihe'e, IV
Chair
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

ATTACHMENT(s):

- Notice of Excused Absence (3)