

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
ON ISSUES IMPACTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

Passed by the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature



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Bill descriptions provided by Legislative Reference Bureau's "Bills Passed by the Hawai'i State Legislature Regular Session of 2024." Some descriptions have been shortened for purposes of this report.

PREFACE

This report, prepared by the University of Hawai'i System Office of the Vice President for Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer and the Government Relations Office (GRO), summarizes actions of the 2024 Regular Session of the 32nd State Legislature affecting higher education.

The information provided includes summaries of individual bills and are arranged by subject matter under broad categories, such as Funding and Health and Medicine. Note that bills under "Funding" could also apply to health issues as well, and vice versa, and thus listed under both categories. Within each category, bills are listed in numerical order, not in order of significance.

Each summary is merely that—a summary. It is intended to direct the reader's attention to a bill and to provide enough information for the reader to determine whether detailed analysis and possible development of an implementation plan is necessary. The summary is not a substitute for a holistic analysis of a bill in light of the particular circumstances of an office or institution.

The full text of each bill is available through a hyperlink in the electronic version of this document. The text, as well as the legislative history of each bill, is also available at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. This website is maintained by the Hawai'i State Legislature and contains many other resources regarding legislation.

INTRODUCTION

The 2024 legislative session adjourned on May 3 (60th day of the Regular Session). A total of 2,678 bills were introduced at the start of this session and a total of 262 bills passed the Legislature. The University of Hawai'i (UH) tracked 640 bills that either had a direct or indirect impact on UH, and of those, 66 passed the Legislature. Governor Green submitted to the Legislature a list of 17 bills that he "intended" to veto on June 21. The deadline to submit his intent to veto was June 25 or the 35th day after the Legislature's adjournment. Eleven measures were ultimately vetoed, and no special session was convened by the Legislature to override the governor's vetoes.

UH had a total of seven (7) legislative proposals approved by the President and introduced as part of the 2024 Governor's Administrative Package. Three of these proposals did not pass the legislature, which sought to: grant resident tuition fee for enrollment to Hawai'i high school graduates; establish the UH Conference Center Revolving Fund; and increase cigarette tax revenues to the Hawai'i cancer research special fund.

The four proposals that passed the legislature were:

- HB 2499 (Act 111, SLH 2024) as introduced and preferred by the University would have removed the repeal and reenactment date in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, to maintain the authority of the President to act as the Chief Procurement Officer, however it was amended and ultimately passed by the Legislature to designate the Chief Financial Officer of the University of Hawai'i to act as the University of Hawaii's Chief Procurement Officer until 6/30/2028.
- HB 2501 (Act 167, SLH 2024) which repeals the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawai'i students.
- SB 3191 (Act 115, SLH 2024) which permanently authorizes the University of Hawai'i to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawai'i.
- SB 3192 (Act 116, SLH 2024) which makes permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawai'i.

A high impact bill pertaining to UH that passed the legislature was SB 1511, which clarifies the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH), was one of the 17 bills on Governor Green's intent to veto list submitted to the Legislature, and ultimately vetoed on July 8, 2024.

Other high-profile bills pertaining to UH that failed to pass the legislature included HB 1535 and HB 2720. HB 1535 would have amended the Hawai'i Community College Promise Program by expanding the scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year University of Hawai'i campus who meet certain criteria. Expanding Hawai'i Promise to the four-year campuses can significantly enhance the educational journey for community college students, facilitating a smoother transition to four-year programs. HB 2720 would have established a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawai'i and community college system. The University took no position on this measure, but attended committee hearings in the event there were any questions.

UH's top priority for the 2024 Legislature was the restoration of \$17.5 million in State general funds support to the University, which it reduced in the 2020 session. The Legislature fulfilled this request by making the general fund restoration recurring (or permanent) in UH's budget. This funding will support the current level of operations for the UH 10-campus system.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

House/Senate Bills		UH Position	Enactment/Veto
<u>Academic</u>			
HB 1148	Mental Health Program – Win CC	Watched	Act 107
SB 2943	Workforce Development	Watched	Act 177
SB 3290	American Sign Language	Watched	Act 204
<u>Agriculture</u>			
HB 2337	Pesticides	Support	Act 183
<u>Boards and Commissions</u>			
HB 1597	Open Meetings	Watched	Act 160
HB 1598	Sunshine Law	Watched	Act 11
HB 1599	Sunshine Law	Watched	Act 12
HB 1600	Open Meetings	Watched	Act 13
HB 2482	Open Meetings	Comments	Act 166
<u>Business</u>			
HB 1861	Motor Vehicle License Plates	Watched	Act 64
SB 2974	Business Revitalization	Watched	Act 142
<u>Education (K-12)</u>			
HB 2400	Teaching License Forfeiture	Watched	Act 157
SB 2070	Career and Technical Education	Watched	Act 150
SB 2257	Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board	Watched	Act 151
SB 2475	Early Learning Programs	Watched	Act 156
SB 2937	Hawaiian Language Program	Support	Act 127
SB 3087	Early Learning Programs	Watched	Act 152
<u>Employees and Benefits</u>			
HB 1640	Collective Bargaining	Watched	Act 234
HB 1642	Hawai'i Labor Relations Board	Watched	Act 63
HB 1686	Insurance	Watched	Act 92
HB 1832	Hiring	Watched	Act 186
HB 1916	Disclosure of Personal Information	Watched	Act 187
HB 1944	Workers' Compensation	Watched	Act 94
HB 2374	CB Units 2, 3, 4, 8, & 9	Support	Act 49
SB 2715	Labor Practices	Watched	Act 174
SB 2718	Administrative Procedures	Watched	Act 141
SB 2991	New Bargaining Unit	Watched	Act 143
SB 3070	ERS	Watched	Act 192
<u>Environment</u>			
HB 1925	Hawai'i State Planning Phase II TF	Comments	Act 36
HB 2248	North Shore Management Plan	Support	Act 226
HB 2743	Wastewater/Cesspool	Support	Act 217
SB 2575	Seabed Mining	Watched	Act 228

Funding

HB 40	Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund	Watched	Act 229/Line-item veto
HB 1148	Mental Health Program – Win CC	Watched	Act 107
HB 2248	North Shore Management Plan	Support	Act 226
HB 2743	Wastewater/Cesspool	Support	Act 217
SB 582	State's Response to 2023 Wildfires	Watched	Act 10
SB 2284	Wildfire Forecast System	Support	Act 200
SB 3068	Wildfire; Multiethnic Cohort Study	Watched	Vetoed

Health and Medicine

HB 1827	Healthcare Workforce Development	Watched	Act 89
HB 1836	Prescription Refills	Support	Act 100
HB 2553	Pharmacists	Support	Act 104
SB 63	Out-of-State Licensed Nurses	Watched	Act 95
SB 1035	GE Tax – Medical/Dental Services	Support	Act 47
SB 2119	Out-of-State Prescriptions	Watched	Act 96
SB 2476	Dental Hygienists	Support	Act 97
SB 3122	Public Health	Watched	Act 90

Information Technology

HB 1916	Disclosure of Personal Information	Watched	Act 187
HB 2359	Digital Equity Grant Program	Watched	Vetoed
SB 2287	IT Steering Committee	Watched	Act 82
SB 2516	Centralized Computer Management	Watched	Act 140
SB 2526	Tech Services Working Group	Watched	Act 173
SB 2782	Multilingual Accessibility	Watched	Act 203

Legal

HB 1869	Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)	Watched	Act 161
HB 2501	Workers' Comp Report	Support	Act 167
SB 2706	Clean Slate Expungement	Watched	Act 241

Procurement

HB 2070	Cash or Protest Bonds	Watched	Act 162
HB 2499	Chief Procurement Officer	Support	Act 111
SB 2536	Procurement Preferences	Watched	Act 113
SB 2753	Building Codes – Refrigerants	Watched	Act 57

Real Property

HB 2471	Public Land Inspections	Watched	Act 220
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Research and Innovation

SB 795	Film Production Tax Credit	Watched	Act 169
SB 1511	RCUH	Comments	Vetoed
SB 2284	Wildfire Forecast System	Support	Act 200
SB 2497	Research Activities Tax Credit	Watched	Act 139
SB 2504	Pacific Hydrogen Hub/Industry	Watched	Act 56
SB 3068	Wildfire; Multiethnic Cohort Study	Watched	Vetoed
SB 3191	Technology Transfer	Support	Act 115
SB 3192	Innovation & Commercialization	Support	Act 116

[Students](#)

HB 2501	Workers' Comp Report	Support	Act 167
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[State Budget](#)

HB 1800	Operating and CIP Budget	Support	Act 230/Line-item veto
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Academic

[HB 1148 HD1 SD2 CD1 \(Act 107\)](#) - RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i to support the statewide expansion of the Windward Community College's mental health related programs. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Marten L, Amato T, Ganaden S, Garrett A, Hussey-Burdick N, Kapela J, Kila D, Kobayashi B, Lowen N, Matayoshi S, Mizuno J, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Pierick E, Poepoe M, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 107

[SB 2943 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 177\)](#) - RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Establishes within the Department of Transportation a Commercial Drivers Workforce Working Group. Requires the working group to: engage the public and private sectors to increase awareness of the ground transportation industry and the industrial workforce needs; and collaborate with key stakeholders to identify and develop possible career paths for qualified commercial drivers, prioritizing filling vacancies within the Department of Education, with the ultimate goal of filling vacancies within the private and public sectors. Establishes requirements for the composition of the working group. Requires the Director of Transportation to invite representatives from the Hawai'i transport association, the labor union representing CDL drivers, and a local non-profit organization currently providing CDL training to serve as members for the working group. Report to the legislature. Requires the working group to cease to exist on June 30, 2025.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, DeCoite L, Elefante B, Fevella K, Gabbard M, Hashimoto T, McKelvey A
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 177

[SB 3290 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 204\)](#) - RELATING TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to: study the state of American sign language interpretation services in Hawai'i; and investigate and study any means, methods, processes, or systems that might improve the provision of American sign language interpretation services in the State. Report to the legislature. Requires the working group to be dissolved on June 30, 2025 (sunset). Provides that no member of the working group shall be made subject to standards of conduct law solely because of that member's participation as a member of the working group.

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J, Hashimoto T, Kanuha D, Rhoads K
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 5, 2024– Signed into law, Act 204

Agriculture

[HB 2337 HD1 SD2 \(Act 183\)](#) - RELATING TO PESTICIDES

Amends provisions relating to advisory committee. Requires there to be an advisory committee on pesticides to be placed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes. Repeals sugar industry, pineapple industry and adds coffee industry, diversified agriculture industry representatives to advisory committee on pesticides.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Support

Status: July 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 183

Boards and Commissions

HB 1597 HD1 SD1 (Act 160) - RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS

Amends provisions relating to enforcement under public agency meetings and records. Allows any person to commence a suit against a board or alleged board in the circuit court of the circuit in which a prohibited act occurs for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of this provision, determining the applicability of this provision to discussions or decisions of the public body, or challenging an opinion or ruling of the Office of Information Practices concerning a complaint by that person. Allows the person to bring the action within 2 years of a prohibited act. Requires a person, when filing a suit that is under, related to, or affected by this part, to notify the Office of Information Practices in writing at the time of the filing.

Introduced by: Tarnas D, Amato T, Cochran E, Ganaden S, Nakashima M, Nishimoto S, Takayama G

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 160

HB 1598 HD1 SD2 (Act 011) - RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW

Amends provisions relating to board packet; filing; public inspection; notice under public agency meetings and records law. Provides that at the time the board packet is distributed to the board members, but no later than 2 business days before the meeting, the board shall also make the board packet available for public inspection in the board's office; provided that nothing in this provision shall require creation of a board packet; provided further that nothing in this provision shall prohibit the distribution of public testimony to board members before the meeting. Requires the board to accommodate request for electronic access to the board packet and shall post the board packet on its website.

Introduced by: Tarnas D, Amato T, Cochran E, Ganaden S, Kapela J, Marten L, Matsumoto L, Miyake T, Nakashima M, Perruso A, Takayama G, Takenouchi J

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 011

HB 1599 HD1 SD2 (Act 012) - RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW

Amends provisions relating to remote meeting by interactive conference technology; notice; quorum under public agency meetings and records law. Requires a board holding a remote meeting pursuant to this provision to not be required to allow members of the public to join board members in person at nonpublic locations where board members are physically present or to identify those locations in the notice required by provisions relating to notice. The notice shall list at least 1 meeting location that is open to the public that shall have an audiovisual connection; and inform members of the public how to contemporaneously: remotely view the video and audio of the meeting through internet streaming or other means; and provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows board members and other meeting participants to hear the testimony and the testifier to be visible to board members and other meeting participants upon request by the testifier.

Introduced by: Tarnas D, Belatti D, Cochran E, Ganaden S, Kapela J, Kitagawa L, Lamosao R, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Nakashima M, Poepoe M, Takayama G

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 012

HB 1600 HD1 SD2 (Act 013) - RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS

Amends provisions relating to permitted interactions of members under public agency meetings and records law. Allows 2 or more members of a board, but less than the number of members that would constitute a quorum for the board, to be assigned to investigate a matter relating to board business; provided that deliberation and decision-making on the matter investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting of the board held no less than 6 business days after the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the board.

Introduced by: Tarnas D, Amato T, Cochran E, Ganaden S, Kapela J, Miyake T, Nakashima M, Nishimoto S, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Takayama G, Tam A
UH Position: Watched
Status: May 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 013

HB 2482 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 166) - RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES

Amends provisions relating to notice under public agency meeting and records law. Requires no less than 6 calendar days before the meeting, the board to post the notice on an electronic calendar on a website maintained by the State or the appropriate county and post a notice in the board's office for public inspection. Requires the notice to also be posted at the site of the meeting whenever feasible. Requires the board to file a copy of the notice with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office and retain a copy of proof of filing the notice, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices; provided that a failure to do so by the board, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, or the appropriate county clerk's office shall not require cancellation of the meeting. Allows the copy of the notice to be provided to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office may be provided via electronic mail to an electronic mail address designated by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office, as applicable.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Comments
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 166

Business

HB 1861 HD2 SD2 (Act 064) - RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES

Amends provisions relating to number plates; purchase. Requires all number plates to: If issued before January 1, 2025, bear the word Hawai'i along the upper portion of the plate and the words "Aloha State" along the lower portion of the plate; If issued on or after January 1, 2025, bear the word Hawai'i along the upper portion of the plate and the words Aloha State along the lower portion of the plate; provided that both Hawai'i and Aloha State may either contain all upper case or lower-case letters or have the 1st letter of each word upper case. -- Amends provisions relating to special number plates for environmental conservation; authorized. Requires the special number plates to be granted the same benefits and restrictions granted to any other electric vehicle special number plates. Requires the design: to contain words or images, or both, that indicate that the special number plate is being issued to commemorate the importance of environmental conservation; to be similar in shape and size to the uniform state number plate prescribed by law; to be readily identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic conditions; and may, but shall not be required to bear the words "Aloha State" along the lower portion of the plate .

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 21, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 064

SB 2974 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 142) - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes the Business Revitalization Task Force. Requires the task force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including the mitigation of regulatory and tax burdens; develop and recommend legislation to increase Hawaii's general economic competitiveness; and develop recommendations for improving governmental operations and reducing costs. Report to the legislature. Requires the task force to be dissolved on June 30, 2026 (sunset).

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Chang S, Fevella K, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, McKelvey A
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 142

Education (K-12)**HB 2400 HD2 SD2 (Act 157) - RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Amends provisions relating to teachers; licenses and certificates under education law. Provides that if any person paid under the salary schedule contained in the Unit 5 collective bargaining agreement resigns or retires during the pendency of any investigation into allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of a student, including criminal and workplace investigations, that person shall forfeit the person's license. Requires the forfeiture of the person's license to be reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 157

SB 2070 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 150) - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Amends provisions relating to application of this chapter under Hawai'i public procurement code. Provides that notwithstanding this provision, this law shall not apply to contracts by government bodies to procure the following goods or services that are available from multiple sources but for which procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State: educational materials and related training for direct student instruction in Career and Technical Education programs as defined in provisions relating to definitions under education law, including supplies, implements, tools, machinery, electronic devices, or other goods purchased by the Department of Education; provided that: the Department of Education shall acquire 3 written quotes for purchases that exceed 100,000 dollars made pursuant to this provision; awards over 2,500 dollars shall comply with provisions relating to responsibility of offerors under Hawai'i public procurement code law; and awards over 500,000 dollars shall be approved by the Superintendent of Education .

Introduced By: Kidani M, Chang S, Fevella K, Kanuha D, Shimabukuro M
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 150

SB 2257 SD3 HD1 CD1 (Act 151) - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Amends provisions relating to powers and duties of the board under the education law. Provides that in addition to establishing standards for the issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates and any other powers and duties authorized by law, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board's powers shall also include developing criteria for a full Career and Technical Education license, limited to Career and Technical Education teaching assignments, allowing qualified individuals with at least

an associate's degree or high school diploma with comparable education and coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach.

Introduced By: Kanuha D

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 151

SB 2475 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 156) - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Establishes provisions relating to harm to students registry; requirements; due process; immunity under education law; and investigation of misconduct; reporting to the Department of Education; harm to student registry; due process; indemnity under private schools law; and investigation of misconduct; reporting to the Department of Education; harm to student registry; due process; indemnity under public charter schools law; and investigation of misconduct; reporting to the Department of Education; harm to students registry; due process; indemnity under early learning system law. Requires the Department of Education to establish a harm to student registry, which shall be a compilation of employees found to have inflicted harm on a student in the State. Requires the harm to students registry to contain the full and legal name of the person, including any prior names used, such as maiden name or married names; date of birth; photograph; last known address; and the name of the reporting institution. Requires an institution, private school to certify to the department that any employee name and information transmitted to the department for inclusion on the harm to students registry has been afforded appropriate due process, as set forth in this provision. Requires further that an institution, private school, and public charter school to certify that there is a final finding, including the date of the institution's final finding, resulting from the institution's investigation into whether the institution's employee engaged in acts or omissions that resulted in the infliction of harm to a student, notwithstanding whether the employee was terminated, retired, resigned, or was banned from the school pending completion of the investigation. Requires each institution, private school, and public charter school to complete its investigation without regard to the employment status of the employee under investigation or the status of the employee's future involvement with the institution. Provides that for purposes of this provision, in order for an employee's name to be placed on the harm to students registry, the investigation conducted by an institution, private school, and public charter school that rendered a final finding of infliction of harm to a student shall involve, at a minimum: an investigator who was not a party or witness in the investigation and does not report to a complaining party or accused party; an opportunity for the complaining party and accused party to provide information to the investigator regarding the alleged misconduct or other circumstances that caused initiation of the investigation; representation for the accused party if required by law or any applicable collective bargaining agreement; provided that the department shall not provide representation for an accused party that does not belong to a bargaining unit that is not entitled to representation pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement; consideration of the information provided by all parties and witnesses who participated in the investigation; and reasoned findings based on the information gathered that support the conclusion, to at least a preponderance of the evidence, that the accused party inflicted harm on a student. Requires an institution, private school, and public charter school to certify that the employee whose name is transmitted to the department for inclusion on the harm to students registry was given prior written notice of the institution's decision to transmit the employee's name for such purpose, that the employee was given the opportunity to appeal the decision, and that the employee either waived the right to appeal or lost the appeal, before the employee's name and other information is transmitted to the department. Provides that an institution, private school, and public charter school that provides information or an opinion about an employee's job performance to a prospective employer institution is presumed to be acting in good faith and shall have qualified immunity from civil or criminal liability for disclosing the information and for the consequences of the disclosure. Allows a person whose name is listed on the harm to students registry may request either the reporting institution, private school, public charter school, or early learning system to submit a certified request to the department to remove the person's

name from the registry if new information is discovered that proves that the person has not inflicted harm on a student such that the person's name does not belong on the registry.

Introduced By: Kidani M, Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Shimabukuro M
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 156

[SB 2937 SD1 HD2 CD1 \(Act 127\)](#) - RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING

Amends Act 46, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2020, relating to access to learning. Prohibits the standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements established by this Act to apply to any laboratory school program of the Hawaiian language college at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; provided that all child care centers at any applicable college shall be licensed by the Department of Human Services before accepting children into care.

Introduced By: Kanuha D, Chang S, Fevella K, Kidani M, McKelvey A
UH Position: Support
Status: June 28, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 127

[SB 3087 SD2 HD2 CD1 \(Act 152\)](#) - RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

Amends provisions relating to use of vacant public school facilities under education law. Provides that when the Department of Education considers whether to close any particular public school, it shall simultaneously give reasonable consideration to making all or portions of the facilities of the public school available to charter schools and early learning programs; provided that the facilities may be used for any other purpose the board deems appropriate. -- Amends provisions relating to early learning facilities; pre plus under early learning system law, by changing its title to early learning programs. Provides that there is established a program within the office to expand access to affordable and high quality early learning for children from low income families who are not otherwise eligible for kindergarten, by allowing early learning programs to be established on public school campuses and other available public buildings through public private partnerships.

Introduced By: Kouchi R (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 152

Employees and Benefits

[HB 1640 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 234\)](#) - RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Amends provisions relating to scope of negotiations; consultation under collective bargaining in public employment law. Requires the repricing of classes within an appropriate bargaining unit to be negotiated and determined within 30 days of receipt of a written request from the exclusive representative to negotiate and at times allowed under the collective bargaining agreement, the employer shall negotiate the repricing of classes within the bargaining unit; and if the employer fails to timely initiate a negotiation in compliance with this provision or the parties cannot reach an agreement within 150 days after the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate or by January 31 of a year in which the agreement is due to expire, whichever is earlier, an impasse exists and the impasse procedures in provisions relating to resolution of disputes; impasses shall apply.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 9, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 234

HB 1642 HD1 SD1 (Act 063) - RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

Amends provisions relating to new employees; orientation on benefits and rights. Provides that should the employer violate this provision, the employee or the exclusive representative, if applicable, may file a complaint with the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board pursuant to collective bargaining in public employment law. -- Amends provisions relating to provisions relating to prohibited practices; evidence of bad faith. Provides that it shall be a prohibited practice for a public employer or its designated representative willfully to: fail to comply with the general orientation requirements set forth in provisions relating to new employees; orientation on benefits and rights.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 21, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 063

HB 1686 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 092) - RELATING TO INSURANCE

Amends provisions relating to personal injury protection benefits to prepaid health care plan for description of coverage only. Requires chiropractic treatments to be allowed for not more than the lesser of the following: 30 visits at no more than 100 dollars a visit, plus no more than 5 x-rays at no more than 50 dollars each; or treatment as defined by the Hawai'i State Chiropractic Association guidelines in effect on January 15, 1997.

Introduced by: Nishimoto S, Nakashima M
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 092

HB 1832 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 186) - RELATING TO HIRING

Establishes provisions relating to recruitment; minimum qualifications review; state departments, divisions, and agencies. Provides that notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, may conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within that department, division, or agency. Requires a state department, division, or agency that elects to conduct its own minimum qualification review of applicants for a vacancy pursuant to this provision to notify the Department of Human Resources Development, which shall provide to the department, division, or agency: for positions with a recruitment closing date, the applications received for the vacancy received by the closing date for that vacancy; or for continuous recruitment positions, the applications received for the vacancy that have been received by a certain date, as determined by the state department, division, or agency; provided that the Department of Human Resources Development shall continue to transmit applications for that position on a reasonable rolling basis until the particular vacancy is filled; provided further that the Department of Human Resources Development shall submit the applications received for a vacancy immediately to a state department, division, or agency if requested by the applicable state department, division, or agency. Provides that upon completing the minimum qualification review of applicants for a vacancy, the state department, division, or agency shall submit to the Department of Human Resources Development the applications for individuals who have met the minimum qualifications for the vacancy; provided that the state department, division, or agency may immediately begin interviewing applicants that have been determined to meet the minimum qualifications for the vacant position. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to complete any other tasks necessary to facilitate the hiring of the applicants, including auditing and correcting any errors found in the minimum qualifications review, as applicable; provided further that if any errors are found, the Department of Human Resources Development shall have 5 working days to correct the error and notify the state department, division, or agency.

Introduced by: Saiki S, Aiu M, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Ganaden S, Garrett A, Gates C, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey-Burdick N, Ichiyama L, Ilagan G, Kahaloa K,

Kapela J, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kobayashi B, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Nakashima M, Nishimoto S, Onishi R, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Sayama J, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C, Woodson J
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 186

[HB 1916 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 187\)](#) - RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS

Establishes the restrictions on publication of certain public servants' personal information law. Establishes provisions relating to publication of public servants' personal information; restrictions. Provides that except as otherwise provided in this provision, upon receipt of a written request from a covered public servant, a government agency, person, or organization shall not make publicly available on the Internet the protected personal information of the covered public servant and their family.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 187

[HB 1944 HD2 SD1 CD1 \(Act 094\)](#) - RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Establishes provisions relating to cervical and lumbar spinal injuries; treatment plan not required under workers' compensation law. Provides that during the 1st 60 days after an injury, an employee may obtain the following medical care or services without a treatment plan 1 magnetic resonance imaging of the cervical spine if the employee's attending physician determines that: the employee has objective indicia of radicular symptoms and the radicular symptoms reasonably could be caused by injury to the cervical spine; or the employee has objective traumatic injury or other neurologic symptoms to the cervical spine shown by an x-ray or computed tomography scan; 1 magnetic resonance imaging of the lumbar spine if the employee's attending physician determines that: the employee has objective indicia of radicular symptoms and the radicular symptoms reasonably could be caused by injury to the lumbar spine; or the employee has objective traumatic injury or other neurologic symptoms to the lumbar spine shown by an x-ray or computed tomography scan; and 1 consultation with an orthopedic or neurologic specialist if the employee's attending physician reasonably determines that the opinion or advice of an orthopedic or neurologic specialist should be obtained for the evaluation and treatment of the employee's injury; provided that the orthopedic or neurologic specialist shall provide written notice of the consultation to the employer within 7 days of the consultation; and the orthopedic or neurologic specialist shall provide a written report to the employer within 14 days of the consultation .

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Amato T, Ichiyama L, Kapela J, Kitagawa L, Lowen N, Marten L, Nishimoto S, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C, Woodson J
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 094

[HB 2374 HD1 SD2 CD2 \(Act 049\)](#) - MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Appropriation to the Director of Finance for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining Unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees), Unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees), Unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees), Unit 8 (personnel of the University of Hawai'i and Community College System), Unit 9 (registered professional nurses), and Unit 13 (professional and scientific employees), and Unit 14 (state law enforcement officers) and their excluded counterparts. -- Appropriation to the chief justice for all collective bargaining cost items for

collective bargaining Unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees), Unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees), Unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees), Unit 9 (registered professional nurses), and Unit 13 (professional and scientific employees). -- Appropriation to the chief justice for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining Unit 1 (nonsupervisory blue collar employees) and collective bargaining Unit 10 (institutional, health, and correctional workers) and their excluded counterparts. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining Unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees), Unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees), Unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees), Unit 9 (registered professional nurses), and Unit 13 (professional and scientific employees) and their excluded counterparts. -- Appropriation to the Senate, House of Representatives, State Ethics Commission, Office of the Auditor, Office of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and Office of the Ombudsman to fund Hawai'i Employer Union Health Benefits Trust Fund costs and other cost adjustments for legislative officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining. (expenditure ceiling) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 19, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 049

SB 2715 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 174) - RELATING TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES

Amends provisions relating to unfair labor practices of employers. Requires to be an unfair labor practice for an employer or in concert with others to: interfere with, restrain, or coerce the employer's employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in provisions relating to rights of employees; initiate, create, dominate, or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization or contribute financial support to it; provided that an employer shall not be prohibited from reimbursing employees at their prevailing wage rate for time spent conferring with the employer, nor from cooperating with representatives of at least a majority of the employer's employees in a collective bargaining unit, at their request, by permitting employee organizational activities on employer premises or the use of employer facilities where the activities or use create no additional expense to the employer; encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization by discrimination in regard to hiring, tenure, or other terms or conditions of employment; provided that an employer may enter into an all-union agreement with the bargaining representative of the employer's employees in a collective bargaining unit, unless the board has certified that at least a majority of the employees have voted to rescind the authority of their bargaining representative to negotiate the all-union agreement within 1 year preceding the date of the agreement. Prohibits any employer to justify any discrimination against any employee for non-membership in a labor organization if the employer has reasonable grounds for believing that: membership was not available to the employee on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other members; or membership was denied or terminated for reasons other than the failure of the employee to tender periodic dues and the initiation fees uniformly required as a condition for acquiring or retaining membership; refuse to bargain collectively with the representative of a majority of the employer's employees in any collective bargaining unit; provided that if the employer has good faith doubt that a union represents a majority of the employees, the employer may file a representation petition for an election and shall not be deemed guilty of refusal to bargain; bargain collectively with the representatives of less than a majority of the employer's employees in a collective bargaining unit, or to enter into an all-union agreement except in the manner provided in this provision; violate the terms of a collective bargaining agreement; refuse or fail to recognize or accept as conclusive of any issue in any controversy as to employment relations the final determination of the board or of any tribunal of competent jurisdiction; discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee because the employee has filed charges or given information or testimony under the provisions of this chapter; deduct labor organization dues or assessments from an employee's earnings, unless the employer has been presented with an individual order therefor, signed by the employee personally; employ any person to spy upon

employees or their representatives respecting their exercise of any right created or approved by this chapter; make, circulate, or cause to be circulated a blacklist; offer or grant permanent employment to an individual for performing work as a replacement for a bargaining unit member during a labor dispute; discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize or threaten any adverse employment action against an employee because the employee declines to: attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting, or any portion of a meeting, that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters; or receive or listen to a communication from the employer that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters; provided that this provision shall not limit the rights of an employer to conduct meetings or to engage in communications involving political matters as long as attendance by the employees is wholly voluntary.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Moriwaki S, San Buenaventura J
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 174

SB 2718 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 141) - RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Amends provisions relating to prevention of unfair labor practices. Allows the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 141

SB 2991 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 143) - RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CREATION

Establishes provisions relating to establishment of new bargaining units. Requires the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board to adopt rules pursuant to administrative procedure law establishing criteria and procedures for the establishment of a new bargaining unit. Requires the rules to include a requirement that any employee who is not included in an existing bargaining unit under provisions relating to appropriate bargaining units and not excluded under provisions relating to appropriate bargaining units, employer, or exclusive representative proposing to establish a new bargaining unit petition the board and submit an application along with any relevant supporting documents. Allows any employee who is not included in an existing bargaining unit under provisions relating to appropriate bargaining units, and not excluded under provisions relating to appropriate bargaining units, employer, or executive representative to petition the board to determine the appropriateness of a new bargaining unit. Provides that in determining the appropriateness of a new bargaining unit, the board shall consider, at a minimum: the principles of efficient administration of government and the effect of over fragmentation; the number of employee organizations with which the employer jurisdictions might have to negotiate; an identifiable, compelling, community of interest among the employees to be included in the bargaining unit. Report to the legislature. -- Appropriation to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) staff attorney position (LBR 161), exempt from civil service law, within the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board to implement the criteria and procedures established by this provision of this Act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Moriwaki S, Chang S, DeCoite L, Fevella K, Hashimoto T
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 143

SB 3070 HD1 CD1 (Act 192) - RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD

Amends provisions relating to determination of employer normal cost and accrued liability contributions under pension and retirement systems law. Provides that commencing with fiscal year 2020 - 2021 and each subsequent fiscal year, the employer contributions for normal cost and

accrued liability for each of the 2 groups in this provision shall be based on 41 per cent of the member's compensation for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers and 24 per cent of the member's compensation for all other employees. Requires the contribution rates to amortize the total unfunded accrued liability of the entire plan over a period not to exceed the maximum funding period. Requires the contribution rates to be subject to adjustment if the actual period required to amortize the unfunded accrued liability exceeds the maximum funding period.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 192

Environment

HB 1925 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 036) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT

Establishes the Hawai'i State Planning Act Phase II Task Force under the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for administrative purposes only. Report to the legislature. Appropriation to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for the administration costs of the Hawai'i State Planning Act Phase II Task Force and 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) coordinator position. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Ichiyama L, Poepoe M
UH Position: Comments
Status: May 28, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 036

HB 2248 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 226) - RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU

Requires the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College program to develop a comprehensive, actionable beach management plan for the area of the north shore of O'ahu from Sunset Point to Kapo'o (sharks cove). Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the Sea Grant College program to develop a north shore beach management plan for the area. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Quinlan S
UH Position: Support
Status: July 8, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 226

HB 2743 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 217) - RELATING TO WASTEWATER

Requires the University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College program to develop an overlay with the Hawai'i cesspool prioritization tool to identify specific priority areas in which the county sewer system or other centralized treatment system may most feasibly be expanded or constructed to reduce or eliminate cesspools before January 1, 2050. -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College program to develop an overlay with the Hawai'i cesspool prioritization tool to identify specific priority areas in which the county sewer system or other centralized treatment system may most feasibly be expanded or constructed to reduce or eliminate cesspools before January 1, 2050. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR) Nakamura N, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Evslin L, Garrett A, Holt D, Hussey-Burdick N, Ichiyama L, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Kitagawa L, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Tarnas D, Todd C
UH Position: Support
Status: July 8, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 217

[SB 2575 SD1 CD1 \(Act 228\)](#) - RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Establishes provisions relating to seabed mining; permits; prohibited under ocean and submerged land leasing law. Prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in state marine waters. Prohibits a permit to be issued for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Introduced by: Lee C
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 8, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 228

Funding

[HB 40 SD1 CD2 \(Act 229\)](#) - RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND

Provides that in accordance with article VII, section 6, of the Hawai'i Constitution, there is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i the sum of 300,000,000 dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for deposit into the emergency and budget reserve fund. Provides that in accordance with article VII, section 6, of the Hawai'i Constitution, there is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i the sum of 135,000,000 dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for deposit into the pension accumulation fund. (\$\$) (expenditure ceiling)

Introduced by: Yamashita K
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 8, 2024 – Line-item appropriations veto ([GM 1330](#))
July 9, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 229

[HB 1148 HD1 SD2 CD1 \(Act 107\)](#) - RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

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[HB 2248 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 226\)](#) - RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU

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[HB 2743 HD2 SD1 CD1 \(Act 217\)](#) - RELATING TO WASTEWATER

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[SB 582 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 010\)](#) - RELATING TO STATE BUDGET

Appropriation to the Department of Budget and Finance, Departmental Administration and Budget Division (BUF101), for expenses related to noncongregate housing and other costs relating to the provision of food, housing, or other assistance for individuals affected by the Maui wildfires disaster that began on August 8, 2023; provided that 72 million 500,000 dollars be transferred to the Department of Human Services for housing that is ineligible for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and for other costs relating to the provision of food, housing, or other assistance for individuals affected by the Maui wildfires disaster. Requires matching private funds no less than 40 million dollars for the transfer of funds. Requires the Department of Budget and Finance, the Department of Human Services, the governor, and the Department of the Attorney General to report to the legislature. -- Appropriation to the Department of the Attorney General to fund the state's contribution to the 1 'ohana bank trust account for the compromise and settlement of claims to compensate individuals or personal representatives affected by serious physical injury or death caused by the 2023 Maui wildfires; provided that upon

closure of the 1 'ohana bank trust account, the remaining balance after the settlement of all administrative costs shall be returned to the contributors to the 1 'ohana bank trust account in proportion to their contributions with the state's proportionate contribution being returned to the general fund. -- Amends Act 115, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, relating to the general fund, as amended by Act 35, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023. Provides that in accordance with article VII, section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, there is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawai'i the sum of 300 million dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for deposit into the pension accumulation fund; provided that any unexpended, unencumbered, unallotted, or unrequired balances from the appropriation shall lapse to the general fund on the effective date of Act _____, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024; provided further that funds shall not be expended nor deposited into the pension accumulation fund before July 1, 2023. -- Amends provisions relating to the major disaster fund under emergency management law. Requires federal reimbursement moneys for disaster relief for the Maui wildfires disaster that began on August 8, 2023, to be deemed to be trust moneys and shall be deposited into a trust account with and under the control of the Hawai'i emergency management agency. Requires these moneys and any interest earned thereon to be used for the recovery efforts from the Maui wildfires disaster that began on August 8, 2023, and shall not lapse to the general fund. -- (Report to the legislature) (expenditure ceiling) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kanuha D
 UH Position: Watched
 Status: May 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 010

SB 2284 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 200) - RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII

Establishes provisions relating to seabed mining; permits; prohibited under ocean and submerged land leasing law. Prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in state marine waters. Prohibits a permit to be issued for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters. Requires the University of Hawai'i to establish and implement a 2 year program to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Requires the University to develop the system to forecast the risk of wildfire statewide and thus enhance public safety, preparedness, and risk mitigation, including improving the preparedness of firefighters and enabling residents to take fire mitigation measures for their homes and to plan for evacuations. Report to legislature. Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the development of the wildfire forecast system pursuant to the provisions in this act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Hashimoto T, Kanuha D, Kidani M
 UH Position: Support
 Status: July 5, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 200

SB 3068 SD1 HD1 CD2 (Vetoed) - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Appropriation out of the state risk management revolving fund, with the approval of the comptroller, to the Department of Accounting and General Services, State Risk Management and Insurance Administration (AGS 203) for insurance claim payments related to the Maui wildfires disaster that began on August 8, 2023. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services and the governor to report to the legislature. -- Appropriation to the Department of Budget and Finance, Departmental Administration and Budget Division (BUF 101) as a set aside for recovery costs for the Maui wildfires disaster. Allows the governor to authorize the transfer of funds to other state agencies for recovery costs for the Maui wildfires disaster. Report to the legislature. Requires the Department of Budget and Finance or any department or agency receiving funds transferred by the governor to report to the legislature. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i State Public Library System, Public Libraries (EDN 407) for a temporary library located in Lahaina, Maui. Authorizes the

Department of Human Services to fund 6 full time equivalent (6.00 FTE) temporary positions to be funded by federal funds. -- Appropriation to the Department of Human Services, General Administration - DHS (HMS 904) for 6 full time equivalent (6.00 FTE) temporary positions in the Department of Human Services; and in federal funds for emergency management related to the Maui wildfires. -- Appropriation out of the conservation and resources enforcement special fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (LNR 405) for Maui wildfire recovery efforts. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (DEF 118) to establish 6 full time equivalent (6.00 FTE) permanent positions in the agency for Maui wildfire recovery and emergency support functions. -- Appropriation out of the Public Utilities Commission special fund to the Public Utilities Commission (CCA 901) for consultant contracts for utility dockets. -- Appropriation out of federal moneys received by the State of Hawai'i to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Administration and Operating Support (HHL 625) for wildfire response, recovery, and prevention measures. --Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Native Resources and Fire Protection Program (LNR 402) for fire response and rehabilitation and wildfire fuels reduction contracts for the department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife; for 22 full time equivalent (22.00 FTE) positions within the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program of the department; and for fire and emergency response equipment. -- Appropriation out of federal moneys received by the State of Hawai'i for fire and emergency response equipment. -- Appropriation out of the Public Utilities Commission special fund to the Division of Consumer Advocacy (CCA 103) for consultant contracts for utility dockets. -- Amends Act 164, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, relating to the state budget, as amended by House Bill 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, passed by the legislature during the regular session of 2024. Amends the program appropriations for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (BED 160). Appropriation for the Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (LNR 141), to be expended in accordance with soil and water conservation districts law, in areas affected by Hurricane Dora in 2023; provided further that; the moneys shall be used to match extramural funding for stormwater management for drought resiliency and reducing wildfire risk; no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025, the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall submit a report to the legislature accounting for the usage of funds; and these funds are deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing or reimbursement. Report to the legislature. -- Appropriation for amelioration of natural disasters (DEF 110), to be expended for civilian auxiliary aviation services, which may include search and rescue efforts, damage assessments, aerial photography of impacted areas, alerts and notifications, and transportation of supplies. -- Appropriation to the county of Maui (SUB 401) for wildfire recovery projects in this act; provided further that the county of Maui shall reimburse the State for all debt service including principal, interest, and any other debt related costs for the reimbursable general obligation bonds; provided further that any debt service reimbursements received by the State may be paid from tax revenue or any other source received by the county of Maui, and from reimbursements to the county of Maui by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as allowed by law. -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization, to conduct a multiethnic cohort study on the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires; and to develop and maintain a registry of those affected by the wildfires to assess their long term health and well being and the impacts on communities. -- Amends Act 257, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, relating to education, as amended by Act 175, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023. Repeals appropriation into and out of the school facilities special fund to be expended by the school facilities authority to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children of the State. (expenditure ceiling) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 9, 2024 – Vetoed by Governor

Health and Medicine

HB 1827 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 089) - RELATING TO HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the public high school health care workforce certificate program; provided that no funds shall be released unless matched using a state to private funds ratio of 3:1. -- Appropriation to the Department of Education for renovating and equipping certain public high school classrooms to be used for health care training through the public high school health care workforce certificate program. -- Appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the glidepath program for certified nurse aides; provided that no funds shall be released unless matched using a state to private funds ratio of 3:1. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Saiki S, Aiu M, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Ganaden S, Garrett A, Gates C, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey-Burdick N, Ichiyama L, Ilagan G, Kahaloo K, Kapela J, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kobayashi B, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Nakashima M, Nishimoto S, Onishi R, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Sayama J, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C, Woodson J
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 089

HB 1836 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 100) - RELATING TO HEALTH

Establishes provisions relating to refills without prescriber's authorization during state of emergency. Provides that during a declared state of emergency pursuant to provisions relating to state of emergency, a prescription for persons directly impacted by the emergency may be refilled up to a 30-day supply without the practitioner's authorization if the practitioner is unavailable to authorize the refill and if, in the registered pharmacist's professional judgment, failure to refill the prescription may interrupt the patient's ongoing care and have a significant adverse effect on the patient's well-being. Requires before refilling a prescription pursuant to this provision, the registered pharmacist shall make every reasonable effort to contact the practitioner. Requires the registered pharmacist to make an appropriate record, including the basis for proceeding under this provision. -
- Amends provisions relating to drugs limited to dispensing on prescription. Provides that if any prescription for a drug does not indicate the number of times it may be refilled, if any, the pharmacist shall not refill that prescription unless subsequently authorized to do so by the practitioner or pursuant to this provision.

Introduced by: Saiki S, Aiu M, Alcos III D, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Ganaden S, Garcia D, Garrett A, Gates C, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey-Burdick N, Ichiyama L, Ilagan G, Kahaloo K, Kapela J, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kobayashi B, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Matsumoto L, Miyake T, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Nakashima M, Nishimoto S, Onishi R, Perruso A, Pierick E, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Sayama J, Souza K, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C, Ward G, Woodson J
UH Position: Support
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 100

HB 2553 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 104) - RELATING TO PHARMACISTS

Amends provisions relating to definitions under pharmacists and pharmacy law. Redefines the administering of immunizations to include administering immunizations orally, by injection, or by intranasal delivery, to persons 3 years of age or older by a pharmacist having appropriate training that includes programs approved by the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education (ACPE),

curriculum-based programs from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department programs, or programs recognized by the board pursuant to provisions relating to vaccinations; children. -- Amends provisions relating to renewal of licenses; continuing education requirement. Requires a pharmacist who administers any vaccine to persons 3 years of age or older pursuant to provisions relating to vaccinations; children to complete a training program approved by the board within every other biennial renewal period and submit proof of successful completion of the training program by the board before administering any vaccine to persons 3 years of age or older. -- Amends provisions relating to vaccinations; children. Allows a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to administer a vaccine to a person 3 years of age or older; provided that: the pharmacy intern has completed a practical training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency responses to vaccines; the pharmacy technician has completed a practical training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that includes hands-on injection technique; the pharmacy technician has a Certified Pharmacy Technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Health Career Association; the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician has a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation; the pharmacist or pharmacy technician has completed a minimum of 2 credit hours in immunization-related continuing education courses during each licensing biennium; the pharmacist is in compliance with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including complying with adverse events reporting requirements; the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician has reviewed the patient's vaccination records before administering the vaccine; the pharmacist has informed the patient and the patient's primary guardian or caregiver of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and has referred the patient as appropriate; and where a prescription has been ordered by a person other than the pharmacist, the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician shall verify that the prescriber or the prescriber's authorized agent is the patient's medical home. Requires the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician under the direct supervision of a pharmacist shall make a good faith effort to provide within 72 hours to the medical home and within 5 business days to the Department of Health immunization registry the same information provided to the patient pursuant to this provision as well as the following: all pharmacy interns or pharmacy technicians who administer vaccines to persons 3 years of age or older shall complete the training program required this provision and submit the completion certificate for the training program to the board before administering any vaccine to persons 3 years of age or older.

Introduced by: Takenouchi J, Aiu M, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Garrett A, Holt D, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kobayashi B, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Poepoe M, Sayama J, Tam A, Tarnas D

UH Position: Support

Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 104

SB 63 SD2 HD3 CD2 (Act 095) - RELATING TO NURSES

Establishes provisions relating to temporary permit under nurses law. Allows the board to issue a temporary permit to a practical nurse or registered nurse licensed in another jurisdiction who; completes an application on a form prescribed by the board; pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by administrative rules; provides proof of a valid and unencumbered license in another state, territory, or country by way of a license verification from the other state, territory, or country, or Nursys license verification report as prescribed by administrative rules; and the board has determined that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority. -- Amends provisions relating to registered nurses; qualifications; licenses; fees; title; existing licensed nurses; verification of licenses; eligibility. Requires licenses to be granted either by examination or

endorsement. --Amends provisions relating to licensed practical nurse; qualifications; license; fees; title; existing licensed nurses; verification of licenses; eligibility. Requires licenses to be granted either by examination or endorsement. -- Amends provisions relating to exceptions under nurses law. Allows the practice of nursing by a nurse licensed in another state, territory, or country who is accompanying a patient or patients from out of state for less than 2 weeks and who is not employed by or affiliated with a health care entity in the State. -- Allows the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt interim rules to establish fees for the administration of this Act. – Allows the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ necessary personnel without regard to civil service law, including 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent office assistant.

Introduced by: Keohokalole J, Elefante B, Fukunaga C, Keith-Agaran G, Rhoads K
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 095

SB 1035 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 047) - RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX

Amends provisions relating to additional amounts not taxable under general excise tax law. Exempts this law to apply to amounts received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, or pharmacy, or a medical or dental practitioner, for healthcare-related goods or services purchased under the Medicare, Medicaid, or TRICARE programs. Provides that for the purposes of this provision, the healthcare-related services need not be performed by a medical or dental practitioner but may be performed by a physician's assistant, nurse, or other employee under the medical or dental practitioner's direction.

Introduced by: Inouye L, Chang S, Keith-Agaran G, McKelvey A
UH Position: Support
Status: June 3, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 047

SB 2119 HD1 CD1 (Act 096) - RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE PRESCRIPTIONS

Amends provisions relating to out of state prescriptions under food, drugs, and cosmetics law. Allows an out-of-state pharmacy to transfer prescription information for filling or refilling purposes and an out-of-state medical oxygen distributor to transfer prescription information for the purpose of refilling a medical oxygen order. Provides that before filling or refilling a transferred out-of-state prescription, or before filling medical oxygen, a pharmacist or medical oxygen distributor shall: except as otherwise authorized for expedited partner therapy in provisions relating to expedited partner therapy or for an opioid antagonist in provisions relating to opioid antagonist; authority to prescribe and dispense; requirements, under pharmacists and pharmacy law advise the person whose name appears on the prescription that the prescription on file at the originating out-of-state pharmacy or medical oxygen distributor may be canceled; and record all information required to be on a prescription, including: the date of issuance of the original prescription; the number of refills authorized on the original prescription; and the name of the transferor pharmacist or the medical oxygen distributor's agent.

Introduced by: Keohokalole J, Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, Moriwaki S, Richards III H
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 096

SB 2476 HD2 CD1 (Act 097) - RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Amends provisions relating to employment of and practice by dental hygienists. Allows a licensed dental hygienist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply preventive dental sealants on individuals who may or may not yet be patients of record, have not been previously examined by a licensed dentist, or do not have a treatment plan prescribed by a licensed dentist, under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a school-based oral health program.

Introduced by: Kidani M, Fevella K, San Buenaventura J, Shimabukuro M
UH Position: Support
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 097

[SB 3122 SD1 HD2 \(Act 090\)](#) - RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDING ORDERS

Establishes provisions relating to public health standing orders; screening. Allows the Director of Health to issue public health standing orders authorizing patients who are 18 years of age or older to receive evidence-based items or services that have in effect a grade of A or B in the current recommendations of the United State Preventive Task Force, as defined by section 4106 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P. L. 111-148, without patient-specific orders from a licensed health care provider. Requires the Director of Health to annually review the items or services that have in effect at grade of A or B as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force and amend public health standing orders as necessary. Requires the duration of public health standing orders issued pursuant to this provision to remain in effect until repealed by the director of health. Requires the public health standing orders.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 090

Information Technology

[HB 1916 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 187\)](#) - RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS

Bill information available on [page 15](#).

[HB 2359 HD2 SD1 CD1 \(Vetoed\)](#) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE

Establishes the digital equity grant program law. Establishes provisions relating to digital equity grant program; establishment. Establishes a digital equity grant program to be implemented and administered by the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office. Requires the office to receive and review grant applications and may award grants for eligible projects pursuant to the program. -- Establishes provisions relating to eligible projects. Allows the office to award grants for eligible projects; provided that on the date the application is submitted, the project areas to be served by the project shall include covered populations. Allows eligible projects to include projects that further develop and promote digital literacy, broadband affordability, digital navigators, access to digital devices, broadband service subscription costs, Wi-Fi routers, access points, and other innovative digital inclusion projects. Requires projects that include the deployment of broadband infrastructure to be ineligible. -- Establishes provisions relating to applicant preference; applications; review of applications; approval; authority of the office; and rules.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 9, 2024 – Vetoed by Governor

[SB 2287 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 082\)](#) - RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Amends provisions relating to Office of Enterprise Technology Services; chief information officer; information technology steering committee; establishment; responsibilities. Establishes an information technology steering committee to assist the chief information officer in developing the State's information technology standards and policies included but not limited to: assisting the chief

information officer in developing state information technology standards and policies; clarifying the roles, responsibilities, and authority of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, specifically as it relates to its statewide duties; and assisting the chief information officer in developing a plan to enhance the hawaii.gov mobile application to increase resident and visitor usage of the mobile application. Report to legislature. Requires the annual report to include updates on the activities and programs under the authority of the chief information officer and the information technology steering committee, updates on the hawaii.gov mobile application, and the expenditures of all moneys received from all sources and deposited into the information technology trust account and the shared services technology special fund. Defines hawaii.gov mobile application to mean the mobile application developed by or for the State of Hawai'i for the public access of hawaii.gov

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, DeCoite L, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, Moriwaki S, Wakai G

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 21, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 082

SB 2516 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 140) - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

Amends provisions relating to Department of Accounting and General Services. Requires the department to provide centralized computer information management and processing services through the chief information officer. --Amends provisions relating to Office of Enterprise Technology Services; chief information officer; information technology steering committee; establishment; responsibilities. --Requires the chief information officer to be appointed by the governor as provided in provisions relating to selection and terms of members of boards and commissions. Requires the chief information officer to report to the comptroller. Requires the salary of the chief information officer to be established by the governor

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 140

SB 2526 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 173) - RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Amends provisions relating to Act 179, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, relating to information technology services. Establishes a technology services consolidation working group, which shall make recommendations to attract high-quality information technology professionals to the State, including the use of internships and partnering with private providers and carriers, and assess the feasibility of exempting certain positions from the requirements of civil service law and collective bargaining in public employment; assist the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in working with state agencies, excluding the University of Hawai'i, Department of Education, and Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology system or data set; and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements based on the business criticality level of the system or data set; ensure that all consolidated state information technology data is housed at a facility that possesses the resiliency to perform concurrent maintenance or upgrades without down time; and has multiple power generation, fuel storage, power distribution paths, cooling systems, and heat exchange distribution paths that ensure that the data center can continue to operate even if 1 system fails when a utility power source is not available, without affecting the overall system. Report to the legislature. -- Requires the working group to dissolved on June 30, 2026 (sunset)

Introduced by: Moriwaki S, Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Keohokalole J, McKelvey A

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 173

SB 2782 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 203) - RELATED TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Amends provisions relating to multilingual accessibility standards. Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, in consultation with the Office of Language Access, to develop multilingual accessibility standards to provide technical guidance to state entities regarding public access to vital information and documents. Requires these multilingual accessibility standards to: encourage state entities to implement language accessibility cost effectively, taking into consideration the unique challenges and circumstances of each state entity; include functional performance criteria and technical requirements for multilingual accessibility standards; and provide recommendations for procurement provisions that can be incorporated into existing state procurement processes to conform to multilingual accessibility standards. -- Appropriation to the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish 1 full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent program manager position for the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, DeCoite L, Elefante B, Inouye L, McKelvey A, Rhoads K, San Buenaventura J
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 5, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 203

Legal**HB 1869 HD1 SD2 (Act 161) - RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**

Establishes provisions relating to uncrewed aircraft under offenses against public order law. -- Establishes provisions relating to misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 1st degree. Provides that a person commits the offense of misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 1st degree if the person intentionally or knowingly equips or arms an uncrewed aircraft with a firearm, explosive, electric gun, or weapon of mass destruction; possesses, receives, transfers, operates, or produces an uncrewed aircraft that is equipped or armed with a firearm, explosive, electric gun, or weapon of mass destruction; discharges or deploys a firearm, explosive, electric gun, or weapon of mass destruction using an uncrewed aircraft; operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly interferes with or disrupts the operation of any manned aircraft; uses an uncrewed aircraft to transport and introduce, or to attempt to transport and introduce, contraband, drugs, or dangerous instruments into a prison; or operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby causes serious bodily injury to another person. Misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 1st degree is a class A felony. -- Establishes provisions relating to misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 2nd degree. Misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 2nd degree is a class B felony. -- Establishes provisions relating to misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 3rd degree. Misuse of uncrewed aircraft in the 3rd degree is a class C felony. -- Prohibits this provision to apply to any police officer, deputy sheriff, or fire department personnel acting within the course and scope of their duties, or to any other person acting under the authority of, or pursuant to a contract with, the US or a state or county government, or any department or agency of the US or a state or county government. -- Establishes provisions relating to uncrewed aircraft; operation under offenses against public order law. Requires uncrewed aircraft to be directly operated by a human operator at all times.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 161

HB 2501 HD1 SD2 (Act 167) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Amends provisions relating to rules; reporting by changing its title to rules. Repeals the provision requiring the University of Hawai'i to submit a biennial report to the governor and the legislature

prior to the convening of each regular session in the 1st year of each biennium that identifies the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawai'i students.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Support
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 167

SB 2706 SD1 HD1 (Act 241) - RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

Establishes the clean slate expungement task force to develop a state-initiated record clearing program. Requires the clean slate expungement task force to provide recommendations: for legislation related to a record clearing program that: expands access to employment, education, and other necessities required for successful reintegration as a successful member of society; promotes equity and fairness by removing barriers within the criminal legal system that disproportionately impact marginalized communities; enhances public safety by adopting best practices for clearing records that have been linked to a reduction in recidivism; and streamlines the procedures involved in the record clearance process to reduce the time and resources required by the various state entities responsible for the implementation of record clearance; and to the judicial council that will inform the review of the Hawai'i Penal Code. Establishes requirements of the composition of the clean slate expungement task force. Requires the clean slate expungement task force to seek technical assistance from: the clean slate initiative; code for America; and SEARCH - System for the Electronic Analysis and Retrieval of Criminal Histories. Report to the legislature. Requires the clean slate expungement task force to be dissolved on June 1, 2027.

Introduced by: Lee C
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 9, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 241

Procurement

HB 2070 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 162) - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Amends provisions relating to administrative proceedings for review. Requires the cash or protest bond to be returned to that party, minus administrative costs as determined by the Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; provided that full forfeiture of the cash or protest bond shall occur if the initiating party does not prevail in the administrative proceedings, and the Office of Administrative Hearings find that the appeal was frivolous or made in bad faith, in which case the cash or protest bond shall be deposited into the general fund.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 162

HB 2499 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 111) - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Amends provisions relating to chief procurement officers. Provides that the chief procurement officer for each of the following state entities shall be: the University of Hawai'i--the chief financial officer of the University of Hawai'i. -- Amends Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, relating to the University of Hawai'i. Requires this act to take effect upon its approval; provided that: provision 10 and 14 shall be repealed on June 30, 2024 (sunset). Provision 12, and 13 shall be repealed on June 30, 2028, and provisions relating to chief procurement officers and provisions relating to powers of the board shall be reenacted in the form in which they read on June 11, 2018.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Support
Status: June 27, 2024– Signed into law, Act 111

[SB 2536 SD1 HD1 CD1 \(Act 113\)](#) - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES AND RECIPROCITY

Establishes provisions relating to accounting service businesses under Hawai'i public procurement code law. Provides that in any expenditure of public funds for accounting services, the use of Hawai'i accounting service businesses shall be preferred. –Amends provisions relating to reciprocity. Provides that to ensure fair and open competition for Hawai'i businesses engaged in contracting with other states, the chief procurement officer may impose a reciprocal preference against bidders and offerors pursuant to provisions relating to competitive sealed bidding and competitive sealed proposals from those states which apply preferences.

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Kidani M
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 113

[SB 2753 HD2 CD1 \(Act 057\)](#) - RELATING TO BUILDING CODES

Establishes provisions relating to refrigerant use. Provides that no provision of the Hawai'i state building codes or any county building code shall prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use pursuant to title 42 US Code section 7671k; provided that any equipment containing the refrigerant shall be listed and installed in accordance with any applicable safety standards and use conditions imposed for that equipment or refrigerant.

Introduced by: Inouye L
UH Position: Watched
Status: June 20, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 057

Real Property

[HB 2471 HD2 SD2 CD1 \(Act 220\)](#) - RELATING TO INSPECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAND

Establishes provisions relating to inspection of demised premises under public lands, management and disposition of law. Allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct inspections of all public land subject to a lease or license under this law only. Allows Inspection of structures or buildings pursuant to this provision to be conducted by a disinterested third-party inspector contracted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 8, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 220

Research and Innovation

[SB 795 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 169\)](#) - RELATING TO TAXES

Amends provisions relating to motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit under income tax law. Provides that to qualify for this tax credit, a production shall provide evidence of reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable requirements under title 14 (taxation), including tax return filing and payments; provided that a taxpayer shall be given notice of and an opportunity to cure any failure to meet the requirements of this provision, including general excise tax law,

within 30 days of receipt of the notice; provided further that nothing in this provision shall be interpreted as waiving any act required by this provision.

Introduced by: DeCoite L
UH Position: Watched
Status: July 2, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 169

[SB 1511 SD2 HD2 CD2 \(Vetoed\)](#) - RELATING TO THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Amends provisions relating to contracts for services provided by the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i. Requires contracts by the University with the research corporation pursuant to this provision to be limited to sponsored research and training projects; except that funds appropriated by the legislature may be expended to contract with the research corporation for purposes of supporting or facilitating sponsored research and training activities or for promoting and developing the scientific and commercial value of inventions, discoveries, and processes. Provides that for each state project or program involving the research corporation, the University shall notify the exclusive representative of the appropriate bargaining unit to review conformance of positions that are planned to be hired through the research corporation with exceptions to collective bargaining. -- Amends provisions relating to establishment of the research corporation; purpose; powers of the research corporation. Requires the research corporation, under the direction of the board of directors, to have the following general powers; including, to enter into and perform contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions with the University or any other agency or political subdivision of the State, any private person, firm, partnership, association, company, or corporation, only when the board of directors determines that doing so is necessary in the conduct of the research corporation's business as described in provisions relating to establishment of the research corporation; purpose and only on terms that the board of directors deems reasonable and appropriate; provided that the research corporation shall not obligate any funds of the State except those that have been appropriated to it. -- Amends provisions relating to research corporation excepted from certain state laws; and special account by changing its title to special account; revolving accounts; internal service orders under the University of Hawai'i system law. Limits internal service orders and revolving accounts of the research corporation that use university intramural funds to certain projects and requires biannual reports to the legislature.

Introduced by: Kim D, Chang S, DeCoite L
UH Position: Comments
Status: July 9, 2024 – Vetoed by Governor

[SB 2284 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 200\)](#) - RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII

Bill information available on [page 20](#).

[SB 2497 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 139\)](#) - RELATING TO TAXATION

Amends provisions relating to tax credit for research activities under income tax law. Repeals provisions that prohibits references to the base amount in section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code to apply, and allows credit for all qualified research expenses to be taken without regard to the amount of expenses for previous years. Redefines qualified high technology business to mean a small business that conducts more than 50 per cent of its activities in qualified research in the State and is registered to do business in the State. -- Amends Act 261, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2019, relating to tax credits, by extending the sunset date for tax credits for research activities to January 1, 2030 (sunset).

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Chang S, Fevella K, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Moriwaki S
UH Position: Watched

Status: July 1, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 139

[SB 2504 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 056\)](#) - RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS

Amends Act 66, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, relating to state programs. Repeals provisions that requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawai'i on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawai'i Pacific hydrogen hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry. Repeals appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop the Hawai'i Pacific hydrogen hub. (\$\$).

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Kidani M, Moriwaki S, Wakai G

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 20, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 056

[SB 3068 SD1 HD1 CD2 \(Vetoed\)](#) - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Bill information available on [page 20](#).

[SB 3191 SD1 HD2 CD1 \(Act 115\)](#) - RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Permanently authorizes the University of Hawai'i to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawai'i. Takes effect 6/29/2024.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 115

[SB 3192 SD1 HD1 CD1 \(Act 116\)](#) - RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESEARCH

Makes permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawai'i. Takes effect 6/29/2024.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 27, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 116

Students

[HB 2501 HD1 SD2 \(Act 167\)](#) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Bill information available on [page 27](#).

State Budget

HB 1800 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 230) - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024 (executive budget). Amends Act 164, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, relating to the state budget. (expenditure ceiling) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Saiki S (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: July 8, 2024 – Line-item appropriations veto ([GM 1333](#))

July 9, 2024 – Signed into law, Act 230

State Budget – Operating

Supplemental Budget – Operating

Campus	Description	Board Request		CD1	
		FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	G \$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration - UH Mānoa		\$ 5,600,000		\$ 5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration - JABSOM		\$ 1,800,000		\$ 1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration - UH Hilo		\$ 3,420,000		\$ 3,420,000
West O'ahu	General Fund Restoration - UHWO		\$ 1,620,000		\$ 1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration - UH System		\$ 5,086,848		\$ 5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy - UH Mānoa		\$ 3,200,000		\$ 3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy - UH Hilo		\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000
Community Colleges	Culinary Institute of the Pacific - Full Year Funding		\$ 389,245		
Community Colleges	Value Added Product Center - Full Year Funding		\$ 359,932		
Mānoa	Expand Teacher Cohort on Neighbor Islands	7.00	\$ 625,000		
Mānoa	CTAHR Extension Agents	5.00	\$ 506,555	5.00	\$ 506,555
System Admin	Increased campus safety	4.00	\$ 1,000,000	moved to TFSF	
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Mānoa		\$ 12,506,711		
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UH Hilo		\$ 1,773,579		
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion - UHWO		\$ 4,026,116		
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation - UHCCs		\$ 3,700,000		\$ 3,700,000
Community Colleges	Community-based Planning for Redevelopment of Lahaina	2.00	\$ 500,000		
Mānoa	Nursing Enrollment and Access thru UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration	6.50	\$ 1,068,821	6.50	\$ 1,068,821

Campus	Description	Board Request		CD1	
		FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	G \$\$\$
JABSOM	Neighbor Island Health Access & Pathway Extension	4.00	\$ 925,000	4.00	\$ 925,000
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	3.00	\$ 210,000	3.00	\$ 210,000
West O'ahu	Pre-Nursing Support	3.00	\$ 322,032		
West O'ahu	Early Childhood Education Support	2.00	\$ 180,910	2.00	\$ 180,910
Hilo	BS Educational Studies & Expand Indigenous Teaching	4.00	\$ 285,000	4.00	\$ 142,500
Community Colleges	Maui - Apprenticeship Training Expansion	-	\$ 250,000		
Community Colleges	LeeCC - Modernize Equipment	-	\$ 925,000		
System Admin	Systemwide Mental Health Services	6.00	\$ 510,000	6.00	\$ 510,000
Mānoa	Community Event Support	6.00	\$ 709,000		
West O'ahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services Support	4.00	\$ 252,648		
West O'ahu	Campus Safety	1.00	\$ 61,800		
Community Colleges	Maui - Water Quality Lab	2.00	\$ 160,000		
Mānoa	Stabilize UH Mānoa Athletics Operating Budget	43.00	\$ 3,136,642		
Mānoa	Cooperative Extension Support	5.00	\$ 581,555		
Community Colleges	WinCC - Incarcerated Students Program	3.00	\$ 250,528	3.00	\$ 250,528
Community Colleges	Statewide Access Master Plan				\$ 2,874,177
Mānoa	Wildfire Mapping and Vulnerability Assessments				\$ 1,000,000
* Mānoa	Study and Cultivation of Ornamental Red Ginger				\$ 125,000
System Admin	International Programs for Economic Development at East-West Center				\$ 250,000
Total		110.50	\$ 56,342,922	33.50	\$ 32,745,339

Items in red are non-recurring. Line-item veto has been stricken.

* The Governor reduced via line-item veto \$125,000 for Ornamental Red Ginger Research at UH Mānoa (CTAHR) in FY25.

State Budget – CIP

Supplemental Budget – Capital Improvement Projects

Campus	Description	Board Request	CD1
System/Mānoa	System, RIM Projects	\$ 110,000,000	\$ 100,000,000
Mānoa	RIM Projects for Student Housing	\$ 40,000,000	
Mānoa	Hale Noelani Renovation	\$ 80,000,000	
Mānoa	PV Rooftop, PV Canopies, and Various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$ 30,000,000	
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Upgrades	\$ 9,000,000	
Mānoa	Coconut Island Sewer Line Upgrades	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$ 8,000,000	
Mānoa	Assessment and Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$ 6,500,000	
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan, Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$ 5,000,000	
Mānoa	Central Administration Facility with Parking	\$ 8,000,000	
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repairs	\$ 3,000,000	
Mānoa	CTAHR - Poamoho Research Station		\$ 2,000,000
JABSOM	JABSOM Roof Replacement	\$ 6,500,000	
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 16,200,000
UHWO	RIM Projects	\$ 5,000,000	
UHWO	Road B Entry Plaza	\$ 5,200,000	
UHWO	PV Carport	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Community Colleges	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance		\$ 25,000,000
Community Colleges	Minor CIP		\$ 25,000,000
Community Colleges	Pāalamanui - Improvements and Repair of Buildings		\$ 3,000,000
Community Colleges	Pāalamanui - Expansion of Nursing and Early Childhood Ed Labs		\$ 500,000
Community Colleges	Value-Added Product Development Center, Molokaʻi		\$ 2,500,000
Total		\$ 331,500,000	\$ 184,200,000

Items in red were previously appropriated in part or in full by General Funds in last year's budget.

The Governor reduced via line-item veto the following CIP General Funded appropriations for FY24:

- \$12,500,000 for Minor CIP at the Community Colleges
- \$12,500,000 for Capital Renewal/Deferred Maintenance for Community Colleges
- \$14,866,000 for System Renew, Improve, and Modernize (RIM)

Last year, the first year of the biennium, the Legislature appropriated \$101.2 million in General Funds for capital improvement projects at UH. In order to free up cash to provide resources to respond to the devastation caused by the August wildfires, the Legislature force lapsed those General Funds and appropriated those amounts in General Obligation bonds. For the System/Mānoa Renew Improve Modernize (RIM) funds, an additional \$70 million was appropriated to get to the \$100 million total for FY25. In total, \$164.7 million of previously appropriated capital improvement projects for UH was purposely lapsed, and a table with additional detail is provided below:

Campus	Description	\$\$\$	Means of Financing
Mānoa	Coconut Island Sewer Line Replacement/Upgrade	\$ 5,000,000	General Fund
Hilo	RIM	\$ 16,200,000	General Fund
Community Colleges	Minor CIP	\$ 25,000,000	General Fund
Community Colleges	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance	\$ 25,000,000	General Fund
System	RIM	\$ 30,000,000	General Fund
Mānoa	HIMB DARPA Prototype Artificial Coral Reef	\$ 63,517,000	General Obligation Bond

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[HCR 32](#)

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY THE SCOPE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING NATIVE HAWAIIAN DISPARITIES.

Introduced by: Holt D
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 17, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

[HCR 77](#)

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISH A LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL MANAGERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A, Ilagan G, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Takenouchi J
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 19, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

[HCR 80](#)

URGING STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOB POSTINGS AND PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A Matayoshi S, Garrett A, Kila D, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Miyake T, Takenouchi J
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 22, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

[HCR 125 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Introduced by: Belatti D, Amato T, Chun C, Ganaden S, Garrett A, Gates C, La Chica T, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Takenouchi J
UH Position: Support
Status: May 3, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

[HCR 184](#)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Introduced by: Holt D
UH Position: Support
Status: April 22, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HCR 205

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT.

Introduced by: Perruso A, Amato T, Belatti D, Ganaden S, Hussey-Burdick N, Kapela J, Martinez R, Tam A

UH Position: Support

Status: April 22, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

House Resolutions

HR 1

URGING RETAIL STORES AND PHARMACIES DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE TO ADOPT A POLICY ON A NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL GUARANTEEING AN INDIVIDUAL'S UNHINDERED ACCESS TO ALL UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED CONTRACEPTIVES.

Introduced by: Belatti D, Amato T, Cochran E, Garrett A, Hussey-Burdick N, Ichiyama L, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Kobayashi B, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Matsumoto L, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Nishimoto S, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Souza K, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 11

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA'S CENTER FOR JAPANESE STUDIES WAY OF TEA CENTER ON JAKU'AN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

Introduced by: Garrett A
UH Position: Watched
Status: February 15, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 18 HD1

ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY.

Introduced by: Martinez R, Amato T, Perruso A, Poepoe M
UH Position: Support
Status: April 12, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 52 HD1

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREAM MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Introduced by: Garrett A, Aiu M, Chun C, Ichiyama L, Kila D, Lamosao R, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Nishimoto S, Poepoe M, Takayama G, Takenouchi J
UH Position: Watched
Status: March 22, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 61

URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ENABLE EMPLOYEES TO TELEWORK TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A, Gates C, Marten L, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Woodson J
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 62

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISH A LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL MANAGERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A, Ilagan G, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Takenouchi J

UH Position: Watched

Status: March 28, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 65

URGING STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOB POSTINGS AND PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Garrett A Matayoshi S, Garrett A, Kila D, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Miyake T, Takenouchi J

UH Position: Watched

Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 106 HD1

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TELEHEALTH WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF WIDESPREAD TELEHEALTH ADOPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IDENTIFY PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO OPTIMIZE TELEHEALTH UTILIZATION AS THE STATE TRANSITIONS OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Introduced by: Belatti D, Amato T, Chun C, Garrett A, La Chica T, Marten L, Martinez R, Matayoshi S, Mizuno M, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Takenouchi J

UH Position: Support

Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 127 HD1

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REGULATIONS THAT DEFINE PROPERTY OWNER OBLIGATIONS TO PERFORM VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION.

Introduced by: Kila D

UH Position: Watched

Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 144 HD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF FOR-PROFIT, NON-PROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HAWAII THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Introduced by: Garrett A, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Evslin L, Ganaden S, Hussey-Burdick N, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Kila D, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Martinez R, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Takenouchi J

UH Position: Comments

Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 164

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Introduced by: Holt D
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 170

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PRODUCE A PLAN FOR ADHERING TO SCHOOL COUNSELOR BEST PRACTICES.

Introduced by: La Chica T, Amato T, Lowen N, Marten L, Nakashima M, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Woodson J
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 2, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 185

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT.

Introduced by: Perruso A, Amato T, Belatti D, Ganaden S, Kapela J, Martinez R
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 191

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO EVALUATE SUBSIDIZING PUBLIC TRANSIT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Introduced by: Lowen N, Kahaloa K, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Perruso A, Quinlan S, Takenouchi J, Todd C
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

HR 193 HD2

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS.

Introduced by: Lowen N, Ganaden S, Gates C, Kapela J, La Chica T, Marten L, Perruso A, Quinlan S, Takenouchi J, Tam A
UH Position: Watched
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Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 2 SD1 HD1

ENDORISING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION.

Introduced by: Chang S, Fevella K, San Buenaventura J
UH Position: Watched
Status: May 3, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SCR 128 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES TESTING GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Introduced by: Gabbard M
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 22, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SCR 143 SD1

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND FACULTY HOUSING FACILITY NEEDS AT THE MANOA CAMPUS.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, Richards III H
UH Position: Support
Status: April 23, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SCR 184 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D
UH Position: Comments
Status: April 23, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

Senate Resolutions

SR 2 SD1

URGING THIS BODY TO ENDORSE THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION; SUPPORTING THE FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE UNITED STATES-TAIWAN INITIATIVE ON 21ST-CENTURY TRADE, A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO THIS NEGOTIATION, AND ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS TO ENTER INTO A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN; AND SUPPORTING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND COMMEMORATING THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT.

Introduced by: Chang S, Fevella K, San Buenaventura J
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 69

URGING THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF HAWAII'S OPEN DATA PORTAL BY INCREASING AND EXPANDING THE DATA SETS AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, CENTRALIZING ALL OPEN DATA SETS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS ONTO THE OPEN DATA PORTAL, AND CONTINUALLY UPDATING THE DATA SETS FOR ACCURACY AND RECENCY OF PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DATA.

Introduced by: Wakai G, Chang S, Gabbard M, Inouye L, Kidani M, McKelvey A, San Buenaventura J, Shimabukuro M
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 82 SD1

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS.

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Chang S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, Richards III H, Shimabukuro M
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 110 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES TESTING GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Introduced by: Gabbard M
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 126 SD1

URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP ART, BRANDING, AND NARRATIVES FOR AN APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF HAWAII'S UNIQUE COMMUNITIES, LANDMARKS, PARKS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AREAS.

Introduced by: Lee C
UH Position: Comments
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 129

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPAND BLUE CARBON INITIATIVES IN THE STATE.

Introduced by: Lee C
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 137 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING STATE LAWS IN ADDRESSING THE FALSE LABELING OF HAWAII-MADE FOOD PRODUCTS, WITH A SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON THE LEGAL MECHANISMS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THE BRANDS OF HAWAII-MADE FOOD PRODUCTS.

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Gabbard M, McKelvey A
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 140 SD1

REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Introduced by: DeCoite L, Kanuha D
UH Position: Watched
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 148 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 158 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D

UH Position: Comments
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 172 SD1

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND FACULTY HOUSING FACILITY NEEDS AT THE MANOA CAMPUS.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, Richards III H
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 173

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND HAWAII P-20 PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMIES TO SEAMLESSLY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

SR 178 SD1

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH AN ONLINE OPTION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING ADULTS IN ALL COUNTIES.

Introduced by: Kim D, Dela Cruz D, Gabbard M, Kidani M
UH Position: Support
Status: April 4, 2024 – Adopted in Final Form

Governor's Messages

[GM 510](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN LUCAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 516](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Public Accountancy, Gubernatorial Nominee, WENDELL LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 520](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAHELE DUKELOW, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 17, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 522](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DALE MATSUURA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 523](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DONDRA OZAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 532](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAUREN AKITAKE, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: March 5, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

[GM 533](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RENEE SHOVE, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 16, 2024 – Withdrawn by the Governor

[GM 534](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, EVA WILLIAMS, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 16, 2024 – Withdrawn by the Governor

GM 535

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEANETTE AYERS-KAWAKAMI, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 16, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 538

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Council on Revenues, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL BONHAM, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 4, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 554

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERIE CHU, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Status: April 22, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 573

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMIE WHITTLE-WAGNER, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: May 3, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 589

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SULMA GANDHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 590

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEPHANIE SHIPTON, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 596

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: March 5, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: March 5, 2024 – Failed to be confirmed by the State Senate

GM 604

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANGELA PRATT, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 623

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SONDRÁ LEIGGI BRANDON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 16, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 627

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, BENJAMIN KUDO, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: March 28, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 636

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI SHIELDS-HANSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: March 13, 2024 – Withdrawn by the Governor

GM 646

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee On Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, QING LI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: May 1, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 678

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDSAY YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: May 1, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 679

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN SINTON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 23, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 715

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONI ONISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 716

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELAINE YAMASHITA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 717

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALANNA BAUMAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 718

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDSEY HEATHCOCK, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 719

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ERICA MAU-SCHANK, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 11, 2024 – Withdrawn by the Governor

GM 720

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KAU'I BURGESS, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 721

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERYL CUDIAMAT, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 18, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 728

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, NEIL HANNAHS, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (Term to expire amended to 06-30-2027 by GM756)

Status: April 23, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 729

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA MANGAUIL, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (Term to expire amended to 06-30-2027 by GM756)

Status: April 23, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 730

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, GARY KRUG, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (Term to expire amended to 06-30-2027 by GM756)

Status: April 23, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 731

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, POMAIKALANI BERTELMANN, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. (Term to expire amended to 06-30-2027 by GM756)

Status: April 23, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 732

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL MIYAHIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 25, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 739

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANNY TAKANISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 26, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

GM 741

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI TOKUMARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 26, 2024 – Confirmed by the State Senate

Task Forces, Working and Study Groups

HB 1925 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 036) Establish the Hawai'i State Planning Act Phase II Task Force, which includes a representative from the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO) (*Lead: UHM-SOCSCI*)

SB 2706 SD1 HD1 (Act 241) Establish the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force which includes a representative from the Hawai'i Innocence Project at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law (*Lead: UHM-LAW*)

SB 2943 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 177) Establish a Commercial Drivers Workforce Working Group within the Department of Transportation, which includes a campus coordinator from the Office of Workforce Development at the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges who is in charge of a workforce development program that includes commercial driver's license training (*Lead: CC*)

SB 2974 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 142) Establish a Business Revitalization Task Force within DBEDT which includes the Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Shidler College of Business or the dean's designee (*Lead: UHM-Shidler*)

SB 3290 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 204) The Disability and Communication Access Board shall convene a working group; which includes a professor from the University of Hawai'i who teaches American Sign Language (*Lead: CC-Kap*)

HCR 125 HD1 Establish a Telehealth Working Group, which includes a representative of the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, to be appointed by the President of the University of Hawai'i. (*Lead: UHM-JABSOM, UHM-SOCSCI*)

HCR 184 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawai'i Creative Innovation Group. (*Lead: VPRI, CC*)

Comparison on 2023 and 2024 State Legislature

	<u>2023 Session</u>	<u>2024 Session</u>
Number of Bills Introduced / Tracked:	H – 1514 / 313 S – 1618 / 389	H – 1293 / 304 S – 1385 / 338
Number of Bills Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 93 / 234 S – 98 / 221	H – 81 / 178 S – 72 / 115
Number of Bills Passed by the Legislature:	H – 31 S – 34	H – 34 S – 34
Number of Bills Enacted / Vetoed / Overridden:	H – 30 / 2* / 0 S – 32 / 2 / 0	H – 33 / 3** / 0 S – 32 / 2 / 0

**HB 0300 was enacted as Act 164, but also included line-item vetoes*

***HB 0040 and HB 1800 were enacted as Act 229 and 230, respectively, but also included line-item vetoes*

Number of Concurrent Resolutions Introduced / Tracked:	H – 208 / 38 S – 229 / 42	H – 226 / 26 S – 228 / 24
Number of Concurrent Resolutions Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 11 / 13 S – 14 / 19	H – 8 / 12 S – 11 / 14
Number of Concurrent Resolutions Adopted:	H – 10 S – 8	H – 6 S – 4

Number of Resolutions Introduced / Tracked:	H – 223 / 40 S – 221 / 38	H – 227 / 25 S – 207 / 22
Number of Resolutions Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 9 / 9 S – 10 / 10	H – 8 / 9 S – 8 / 8
Number of Resolutions Adopted:	H – 23 S – 18	H – 15 S – 13

Number of Governor's Messages Tracked / Testified:	S – 14 / 2	S – 39 / 2
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