

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
ON ISSUES IMPACTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

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## 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 2025 Regular Session of the 33rd 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](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). This website is maintained by the Hawai'i State Legislature and contains many other resources regarding legislation.*

## INTRODUCTION

The 2025 legislative session adjourned on May 2 (60th day of the Regular Session). A total of 3,172 bills were introduced at the start of this session and a total of 322 bills passed the Legislature. The University of Hawai'i (UH) tracked 682 bills that either had a direct or indirect impact on UH, and of those, 84 passed the Legislature. On June 6, Governor Green submitted to the Legislature a list of 19 bills that he "intended" to veto, then added an additional bill to the list on June 24. The deadline to submit his intent to veto was June 24 or the 35th day after the Legislature's adjournment. Eight measures were ultimately vetoed, in addition to line-item vetoes to the state budget (Act 250). No special session was convened by the Legislature to override the governor's vetoes.

UH had a total of five (5) legislative proposals that were introduced as part of the 2025 Governor's Administrative Package. Two additional proposals which were not part of the Governor's Package, but were originally considered for the UH package, were separately introduced by legislator(s). The first, related to increasing a portion of the cigarette tax for the Cancer Center of Hawaii, and the second was for expansion of the Hawai'i Promise Program to the four year campuses. The cigarette tax increase was enacted, but the Hawai'i Promise Program did not pass the legislature.

There were more than six (non-appropriation) measures related to the university that passed the legislature, including:

- HB 441 CD1 (Act 95, SLH 2025) which increases the cigarette tax from 16 cents to 18 cents and amends the disposition of cigarette tax revenues by allocating the increase in the cigarette tax amount to the Hawai'i Cancer Research Special Fund, with a portion to be used exclusively for debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance for the next five years
- HB 1168 CD1 (Act 156, SLH 2025) which authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing qualifying priority capital improvement projects.
- HB 1169 CD1 (Act 97, SLH 2025) which establishes the UH Conference Center Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the UH System and repeals the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund.
- HB 1170 CD1 (Act 138, SLH 2025) which requires UH to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any UH campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawai'i high school and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, under certain conditions.
- HB 1171 CD1 (Act 85, SLH 2025) which allows the Board of Regents to use moneys in the University of Hawai'i Tuition and Fees Special Fund for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor.
- SB 1491 CD1 (Act 221, SLH 2025) which adds the Department of Taxation and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the list of state agencies required to share data and determine the data to be shared through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System.

The Board of Regents had requested a number of funding items for the 2025 Legislative Session. While most of the items were included in the Governor's proposal as well as deliberated during session, not all of the items were eventually included. The largest budget items that were not funded include: Athletic funding for UH related to NCAA/NIL/Division I issues; operational funding for the Cancer Center of Hawai'i; and debt service support for JABSOM.

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

House/Senate Bills		UH Position	Enactment/Veto
<u>Academic</u>			
HB 442	Pre-Nursing Program (UHWO)	Support	Act 94
SB 119	Nursing Degree Program (Maui)	Support	Act 265
SB 1502	Business Admin Program (UHWO)	Support	Act 176
<u>Agriculture</u>			
HB 110	Local Agricultural Products	Watched	Act 137
HB 427	Biosecurity	Watched	Act 236
HB 774	Value-Added Products	Support	Act 237
SB 865	Agribusiness Development Corp	Support	Act 184
SB 1249	Agricultural Enforcement Program	Watched	Act 235
SB 1304	Pesticide Drift	Support	Act 179
<u>Boards and Commissions</u>			
SB 405	Neighborhood Board Meetings	Watched	Act 72
SB 423	Early Learning Board	Watched	Act 205
SB 1651	Public Meetings	Watched	Act 169
<u>Business (External)</u>			
SB 583	Naming Rights	Watched	Vetoed
<u>Business (Internal)</u>			
HB 1169	UH Conference Center RF	Support	Act 97
SB 742	Data Sharing Working Group	Comments	Act 154
SB 1491	Data Sharing	Support	Act 221
<u>Education (K-12)</u>			
SB 532	Administering Medication	Support	Act 136
<u>Employees and Benefits</u>			
HB 162	Collective Bargaining	Watched	Act 87
HB 430	Internships	Support	Act 251
HB 477	Hawai'i Employment Security Law	Watched	Act 214
HB 718	Positions at JABSOM	Support	Act 86
HB 1026	Emergency Appropriations	Support	Act 29
HB 1027	CB Unit 1 & 10	Support	Act 30
HB 1028	CB Unit 2	Support	Act 31
HB 1029	CB Unit 3	Support	Act 32
HB 1030	CB Unit 4	Support	Act 33
HB 1033	CB Unit 7	Support	Act 36
HB 1034	CB Unit 8	Support	Act 37
HB 1035	CB Unit 9	Support	Act 38
SB 336	State Employees Defense	Watched	Act 120
SB 855	Retirement Savings Act	Watched	Act 113
SB 1065	Skills-Based Hiring	Watched	Act 276
SB 1359	EUTF	Watched	Act 54

SB 1360	ERS; Required Beginning Dates	Watched	Act 52
SB 1361	ERS; Review Period	Watched	Act 55
SB 1567	Classification & Comp Systems	Watched	Act 180

### Environment

HB 3	North Shore Beach Management	Support	Act 100
HB 242	Electric Vehicle Batteries	Comments	Act 209
HB 505	Red Hill	Support	Act 197
HB 732	Shoreline Management	Watched	Act 125
HB 735	Wastewater System; Dwellings	Watched	Act 224
HB 736	Wastewater System; Pilot Program	Support	Act 198
HB 778	Integrated Land Use Study	Watched	Act 187
HB 879	Cesspool Conversions	Watched	Act 188
HB 1017	Greenhouse Gas Sequestration TF	Watched	Act 48
HB 1137	Restoration of Beach Lands	Support	Act 102
HB 1220	Invasive Species	Support	Act 104
SB 589	Renewable Energy	Watched	Act 266
SB 1146	Ala Wai Canal	Support	Act 183
SB 1304	Pesticide Drift	Support	Act 179
SB 1501	Power Purchase TF	Watched	Act 191

### Funding

HB 3	North Shore Beach Management	Support	Act 100
HB 427	Biosecurity	Watched	Act 236
HB 442	Pre-Nursing Program (UHWO)	Support	Act 94
HB 718	Positions at JABSOM	Support	Act 86
HB 736	Wastewater System; Pilot Program	Support	Act 198
HB 1153	Adjustments for State Programs	Watched	Act 42
HB 1168	UH Revenue Bonds	Support	Act 156
HB 1300	UH Cancer Center	Support	Act 254
HB 1424	Transfer of Funds	Watched	Act 215
SB 119	Nursing Degree Program (Maui)	Support	Act 265
SB 326	Self-Sustainable Revolving Funds	Watched	Act 223
SB 933	State Budget (Grants)	Watched	Act 310
SB 1146	Ala Wai Canal	Support	Act 183
SB 1252	Dementia Curriculum	Support / Comments	Act 283
SB 1502	Business Admin Program (UHWO)	Support	Act 176
SB 1578	East West Center	Watched	Act 158

### Health and Medicine

HB 72	Pharmacy Cert. of Registration	Support	Act 93
HB 250	Health Care Appropriateness WG	Watched	Act 151
HB 441	Cigarette Taxes	Support	Act 95
HB 442	Pre-Nursing Program (UHWO)	Support	Act 94
HB 951	Prescription Drugs	Watched	Act 65
HB 1300	UH Cancer Center	Support	Act 254
HB 1379	Foreign Medical School Graduates	Watched	Act 174
SB 119	Nursing Degree Program (Maui)	Support	Act 265

SB 532	Administering Medication	Support	Act 136
SB 850	Disability Health Disparity	Support	Act 275
SB 1245	Pharmacists Reimbursement	Support	Act 220
SB 1252	Dementia Curriculum	Support / Comments	Act 283
SB 1281	Telehealth	Support / Comments	Act 217
SB 1365	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Watched	Act 163
SB 1431	Viral Hepatitis	Watched	Act 114

Information Technology

HB 934	Broadband & Digital Equity Office	Support	Act 201
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Legal

HB 420	Remedies	Watched	Act 308
SB 336	State Employees Defense	Watched	Act 120

Procurement

HB 987	Procurement Automation System Special Fund	Watched	Act 206
SB 383	Small Purchases	Watched	Act 262

Real Property

HB 329	School Facilities Authority	Watched	Act 204
HB 511	Public Lands	Watched	Act 82
HB 778	Integrated Land Use Study	Watched	Act 187
HB 830	SHPD Third-Party Consultants	Watched	Act 306
HB 1007	HCDA	Watched	Act 252
HB 1409	TOD	Watched	Act 159
SB 15	"Historic Property" Definition	Watched	Act 293
SB 739	Land Exchange	Watched	Act 279
SB 1263	Historic Preservation; TOD	Watched	Act 160
SB 1441	HHSC (Leahi Hospital)	Comments	Act 62

Students

HB 1170	Resident Tuition Fee	Support	Act 138
HB 1171	Relief Funding	Support	Act 85

State Budget

HB 300	Operating and CIP Budget	Support	Act 250/Line-item veto
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## Academic

### **HB 442 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 94) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for West O'ahu (UOH 700) for the Pre Nursing Pathway Program, including for the establishment of 2 full time equivalent (2.00 FTE) positions. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Garrett A, Chun C, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Marten L, Olds I, Sayama J, Souza K, Takayama G, Takenouchi J  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 94

### **SB 119 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 265) - RELATING TO NURSING**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawai'i Maui College to establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawai'i Maui College; fund additional personnel associated with the establishment of the program; and purchase related supplies and equipment. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Hashimoto T, DeCoite L, Fevella K, Kim D, McKelvey A  
UH Position: Support  
Status: July 1, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 265

### **SB 1502 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 176) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for half time equivalent (0.50 FTE) faculty for the Director of the Cybersecurity Coordination Center and 1.00 full time equivalent (1.00 FTE) faculty for the Director of the Cybersecurity Research Laboratory, for the Business Administration program at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the state's economy; and for student internship programs, certifications, software, and other related expenses for the Business Administration program at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the state's economy, provided that federal funding is lost. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Wakai G  
UH Position: Support  
Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 176

## Agriculture

### **HB 110 HD1 SD2 (Act 137) - RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Amends provisions relating to contracts for food; percentage to be grown within the State. Requires the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Defense, and University of Hawai'i System to each ensure that a certain percentage of the food purchased for public schools, youth campuses, public hospitals, public prisons, and any purchases made directly by the University of Hawai'i for use in its academic programs, as applicable, is fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products, as follows: by January 1, 2025, fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products shall constitute a minimum of 10 per cent of the total food purchased during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost; provided that the Department of Education shall be exempt from the requirements of this provision; by January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products shall constitute a minimum of 18 per cent of the total food purchased during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost; provided that the Department of Education shall be exempt from the requirements of this provision and instead shall be subject to

the requirements in provisions relating to farm to school meals; by January 1, 2035, fresh local agricultural products and local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products shall constitute a minimum of 26 per cent of the total food purchased during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost; provided that the Department of Education shall be exempt from the requirements of this provision. -- Amends provisions relating to farm to school meals. Requires the department to ensure by January 1, 2030, fresh local agricultural products and local value-added processed, agricultural, or food products to constitute a minimum 30 per cent of the total food purchased during each calendar year, as measured by the per cent of total food cost.

Introduced by: Kahaloa K, Evslin L, Garrett A, Kitagawa L, Kusch M, La Chica T, Matayoshi S, Olds I  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 30, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 137

### **HB 427 HD1 SD2 (Act 236) - RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

Renames the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Renames the Board of Agriculture as the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Establishes a Deputy Chairperson for Biosecurity. Allows and specifies conditions under which the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the department and governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms. Broadens the objectives and general actions of the biosecurity program. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish transitional facilities. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to certify and train biosecurity compliance auditors inspectors to inspect imported plants and animals. Requires inspection of various items transported interisland. Increases penalties for illegally transporting plants, animals, and microorganisms. Allows the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to enter into government-industry agreements for readiness and response to unwanted organisms in the State. Allows biosecurity and pest management plans to address, contain, or eradicate pests. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish a pest dashboard by December 1, 2025. Allows the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules to establish and enforce the plant care component program. Allows the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to assess administrative penalties for the enforcement of the plant care component program. -- Transfers all rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. -- Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the operations of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council. -- Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the operations of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council. -- Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Hawai'i Ant Lab. -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the operations of the coconut rhinoceros beetle response under the University of Hawai'i. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Garrett A, Grandinetti T, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey I, Ichiyama L, Ilagan G, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Keohokapu-Loy S, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kusch M, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lee M, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Olds I, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Sayama J, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Templo S, Todd C, Woodson J, Yamashita K  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 236

### **HB 774 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 237) - RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS**

Establishes provisions relating to Food and Product Innovation Network; established. Establishes the Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation to

establish a statewide network of open-access food and value-added product development facilities to enable businesses to scale up new products from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization. Establishes criteria for the food and product innovation network. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to submit a report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session. (Report to the legislature). Establishes criteria for the report. -- Amends provisions relating to definitions; and powers; generally. -- Appropriation to the Department of Health to defray costs associated with the implementation of the Food and Product Innovation Network for 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions; and for other operating expenses. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kahaloa K  
UH Position: Support  
Status: June 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 237

**SB 865 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 184) - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Appropriation to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to support the coffee and orchard crops extension and applied research program, the Kona research station in the County of Hawai'i, and for the establishment of 1 full time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent extension agent position within the college of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Kona cooperative extension. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kanuha D, Chang S, Gabbard M, Inouye L, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Richards III H  
UH Position: Support  
Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 184

**SB 1249 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 235) - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Establishes provisions relating to agricultural enforcement pilot program under law enforcement law. Establishes within the department an agricultural enforcement pilot program on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i, to be implemented at the discretion of the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement. Requires the department to employ or appoint, and remove, the following persons, subject to civil service law and provisions relating to citizenship and residence; exceptions. -- Appropriation to the Department of Law Enforcement for; the establishment of the following positions within the agricultural enforcement pilot program established pursuant to this provision; 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant chief position; 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) state law enforcement investigator positions; provided that 1 position shall be assigned to the County of Hawai'i and 1 position shall be assigned to the City and County of Honolulu; and 6 full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) uniformed state law enforcement officer positions for patrol functions; provided that 3 positions shall be assigned to the County of Hawai'i and 3 positions shall be assigned to the City and County of Honolulu; and other operating expenditures of the agricultural enforcement pilot program established pursuant to this provision. -- Establishes provisions relating to administrative penalties; habitual agricultural crime; definitions; inspection before slaughter. -- Amends provisions relating to rules; department, duties by changing its title to department; general duties and powers; animal industry special fund; entry of animals without inspection prohibited; notification of arrival; penalties; disposal of tuberculous animals; premises from which tuberculous cattle removed to be disinfected; garbage feeding prohibited; penalty; brands to be recorded, etc. by changing its title to brands or marks to be registered and recorded; penalties; obliterating brand; penalty by changing its title to altering, removing, or obliterating brand or mark; penalty; felonious branding; penalty by changing its title to prohibited branding or marking; penalty; livestock ownership and movement certification by changing its title to livestock ownership and movement certification; penalty; lawful fence; penalty; breaking, etc., of fence; penalty; procedure, if owner believes impounding illegal; liability of dog owner; penalty; destruction of animals ferae naturae by changing its title to destruction of animals ferae naturae; penalty; harboring mongoose; penalty; rabbits, belgian hares, to be kept off ground; penalty; reports of consignment sales; misdemeanor by changing its title to criminal

penalties; agricultural commodities; ownership and movement certification; authorization to inspect; enforcement; criminal penalties. -- Repeals provisions relating to lack of proof of ownership as a violation. -- Amends provisions relating to reports; bonding; definitions under wildlife law; penalties; night hunting on private lands; prohibition. -- Amends provisions relating to criminal trespass on agricultural land; criminal trespass in the 2nd degree; criminal property damage in the 1st degree; criminal property damage in the 2nd degree; criminal property damage in the 3rd degree; covered offenses. Clarifies, creates, and strengthens laws regarding crimes and violations related to agriculture or agricultural lands. Establishes clear distinctions between administrative and criminal penalties. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Richards III H, Chang S, Gabbard M, Kanuha D, McKelvey A  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 235

### **SB 1304 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 179) - RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING**

Appropriation out of the pesticide use revolving fund to the Department of Agriculture for the continued monitoring of pesticide drift in schools statewide. Provided that the study shall comply with all applicable US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. Report to the legislature. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 179

## **Boards and Commissions**

### **SB 405 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 72) - RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS**

Amends provisions relating to neighborhood board; notice and agenda; public input; quorum. Allows an opportunity for the board to receive public input and 3rd-party reports from any government official on issues not specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming meeting. Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda or 3rd-party reports from any government official allowed under this provision may be discussed and information on the matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided that the board shall not make a decision relating to any of those matters. Allows the board to make decisions on matters originally raised as part of a public input agenda item or raised by a 3rd-party report from any government official only at a later meeting, where the agenda for the meeting shall give notice of decision-making on the matter.

Introduced by: Rhoads K  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 19, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 72

### **SB 423 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 205) - RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD**

Amends provisions relating to Early Learning Board. Requires 1 voting member of the Early Learning Board to have experience as a local provider of early childhood education and development services. Requires the Superintendent of Education, Director of Human Services, Director of Health, President of the University of Hawai'i, and director of the Hawai'i Head Start State Collaboration Office to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the board. Requires the board to invite the chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, the executive director of the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, president of the Head Start Association of Hawai'i, or their designees, to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the board.

Introduced by: Kidani M, Aquino H, Chang S, DeCoite L, Fevella K, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kanuha D, Kim D, McKelvey A, Richards III H  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 24, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 205

### **SB 1651 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 169) - RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Amends provisions relating to board packet; filing; public inspection; notice. Requires, at the time the board packet is distributed to the board members, but no later than 3 full business days before the meeting, the board to 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, at the time the board packet is made available for public inspection in the board's office, the board to provide notice to persons who have requested notification of meetings pursuant to notice under Public Agency Meetings and Records law that includes a list of the documents that were compiled by the board and distributed to the board members before a meeting for use at that meeting and that the board packet is available for inspection in the board's office and shall provide reasonably prompt access to the board packet to any person upon request.

Introduced by: Rhoads K  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 169

## **Business (External)**

### **SB 583 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Vetoed) - RELATING TO NAMING RIGHTS**

Establishes provisions relating to stadium facility; naming rights; marketing; advertising. Prohibits notwithstanding any law to the contrary, concessions on public property law to apply to concessions within the stadium facility. Allows the stadium authority to lease the naming rights of the stadium facility or any portion of the stadium facility or building therein to any public or private entity. Requires any revenues derived from advertising or marketing in or on the stadium facility, including revenues derived under this provision, to be deposited into the stadium development special fund under provision relating to stadium development special fund; established. -- Establishes provisions relating to convention center facility; naming rights; marketing; advertising. Prohibits notwithstanding any law to the contrary, concessions on public property law to apply to concessions in or on the convention center facility. Allows the authority to lease the naming rights of the convention center facility or any portion of the convention center facility to any public or private entity. Requires any revenues derived from advertising or marketing in or on the convention center facility, including revenues derived under this provision, to be deposited into the convention center enterprise special fund under provision relating to convention center enterprise special fund. -- Establishes in the state treasury the stadium development special fund, into which funds collected by the stadium authority shall be deposited, including: all revenues from the stadium development district, including but not limited to: any agreement or action generating revenue related to stadium operations; the lease or rental of facilities or land; advertising or marketing, including revenues derived under stadiums and recreational facilities law; any concession; the food and beverage service; the parking facilities; and utilities, infrastructure, and development. -- Establishes the convention center enterprise special fund, into which shall be deposited: all revenues or moneys derived from the operations of the convention center to include all revenues from: the food and beverage service; the parking facilities; any concession; the sale of souvenirs, logo items, or any other items offered for purchase at the convention center; and advertising or marketing, including revenues derived under provisions relating to Hawai'i Tourism Authority. -- Amends provisions relating to where and when permitted. Requires no person to erect, maintain, or use a billboard or

display any outdoor advertising device, except as provided in this provision: any outdoor advertising device, displayed with the authorization of the stadium authority, on the exterior of any stadium operated by the stadium authority. Requires any outdoor advertising device displayed under this paragraph to be limited to the name of any entity that leased the naming rights of the stadium from the stadium authority

Introduced by: Wakai G, Chang S, Fevella K, Hashimoto T  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 3, 2025 – Vetoed by Governor

## Business (Internal)

### **HB 1169 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 97) - RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND**

Establishes the University of Hawai'i conference center revolving fund for conference center programs conducted by the university. Allows the university to establish and collect fees and charges for the costs of providing these services. Requires all fees, charges, and other moneys collected in conjunction with the conference center programs of the university to be deposited in separate accounts within the revolving fund. Allows the university to establish accounts under the University of Hawai'i conference center revolving fund to facilitate the administration of this fund among the various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawai'i system. Authorizes the university to expend funds from the appropriate account in the revolving fund for all costs associated with conducting conferences, seminars, and courses provided by the conference center programs, including but not limited to expenses for honoraria, hotel and room rentals, food and refreshment, printing and mailing, airfare and per diem, lei, rental of audiovisual equipment, and other conference related services, fees, supplies and materials, without regard to provision relating to Hawai'i products and any competitive bidding requirements pursuant to state procurement requirements. Requires the university to submit a report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session, accounting for all income and expenditures of each separate account within the revolving fund. (Report to Legislature.)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 97

### **SB 742 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 154) - RELATING TO DATA SHARING**

Establishes the Office of Enterprise Technology Services a data sharing and governance working group. Requires the data sharing and governance working group to: review the adequacy of the departmental data sharing pursuant to provision relating to departmental data sharing, and the data task force pursuant to provision relating to chief data officer; electronic data set availability; updates, in addressing the state's capabilities with regard to data sharing. Allows the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to contract with an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the data sharing and governance working group in carrying out its duties. Requires the members of the working group to serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses. Requires the data sharing and governance working group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session. -- Appropriation to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services for the data sharing and governance working group. (Report to Legislature) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D  
UH Position: Comments

Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 154

**SB 1491 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 221) - RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING**

Amends provisions relating to departmental data sharing by adding the Department of Taxation; and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the list of state agencies sharing data through the statewide longitudinal data system. Requires any data provided by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Department of Taxation to be aggregated or anonymized.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 221

## Education (K-12)

**SB 532 SD2 HD2 CD1 (Act 136) - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Amends provisions relating to administration of medication under education law. Allows public school employees and agents trained by a health care professional employed or contracted by the Department of Education to assist in administering oral, nasal, and topical medication, and other premeasured medication to students under certain conditions. Establishes criteria for who may prescribe medication to be administered to students in Department of Education schools.

Introduced by: Kidani M, Chang S, Hashimoto T

UH Position: Support

Status: May 30, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 136

## Employees and Benefits

**HB 162 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 87) - RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Amends provisions relating to resolution of disputes; impasses under collective bargaining in public employment law. Provides that in the event that the parties fail to select the neutral 3rd member of the arbitration panel within 30 days from the date of impasse, the board shall request the American Arbitration Association, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or its successors in function, to furnish a list of 5 qualified and experienced interest arbitrators from which the neutral arbitrator shall be selected; provided that the list of 5 interest arbitrators may contain interest arbitrators from both the American Arbitration Association, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or its successors.

Introduced by: Sayama J, Lee M

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 87

**HB 430 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 251) - RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS**

Establishes provisions relating to on-the-job training work experience program; private sector. Allows the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with employers or registered apprenticeship program sponsors in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns; provided that any participating apprenticeship program sponsor in the private sector shall only offer to eligible interns on-the-job training in public sector projects. Allows the department to provide to the employers or sponsors up to 20.00 dollars per hour in reimbursements for wages only for the costs of training and supervising an intern. Exempts the employers or sponsors from being required to provide documentation of these costs. Requires eligible employer and sponsors to

demonstrate compliance with Hawai'i Compliance Express or any successor program established to facilitate compliance with provisions relating to responsibility of offerors. Requires contracts under this provision to be limited to 12 weeks for college or university students, with an extension of 12 additional weeks if approved by the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, and 6 weeks for high school students, with an extension of up to 8 weeks during the summer break. Provides that in determining the appropriate length of the contract, the director shall consider the occupation's skill requirements; intern's existing academic and occupational skill levels; and intern's prior work experience. Requires the employer or sponsor to comply with state and federal employment laws pursuant to wage and hour law and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to adopt interim rules, which shall be exempt from administrative procedure law, to develop and implement the program; provided that the interim rules shall remain in effect until the adoption of rules pursuant to administrative procedure law to allow the department to; ensure that interns are referred by the department to employers or sponsors and not directly by the employer or sponsors; reimburse employers or sponsors up to 20.00 dollars per hour for wages only for the extraordinary costs of providing intern training and supervision; develop a training plan for participating interns of the program in collaboration with the intern and employer or sponsor; monitor each intern's progress in the program to ensure that training plan objectives are being met; consult with interns and onsite supervisors to address any problems affecting the training plan; terminate an internship, if necessary, due to problems at the worksite caused by either the intern or the employer or sponsor; and limit employer or sponsor participation to no more than 5 interns at 1 time, as tracked by the federal employer identification number of the employer or sponsor. Requires the department to develop eligibility criteria for interns. Requires the department to develop eligibility criteria for employers or sponsors. -- Establishes provisions relating to state internship and workforce development program. Establishes within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations the state internship and workforce development program. Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development to process all public program applications and place interns in temporary or permanent positions at state executive branch departments, agencies, or programs. Requires the program to; provide paid internship opportunities within various state departments and agencies; prioritize placement in departments with significant workforce shortages; and include comprehensive training, mentorship, and evaluation components. -- Establishes provisions relating to work experience; private and public sector; annual report. Report to the legislature. -- Amends provisions relating to coverage for workers' compensation. Requires the State to be deemed the responsible employer for the purposes of workers' compensation coverage, as provided for in workers' compensation law, when a student or recent graduate performs paid or unpaid work for a private or public employer as part of a school-approved, work-based learning internship program sponsored by the Department of Education or University of Hawai'i or as part of the on-the-job training work experience program established in this provision. -- Appropriation to the Department of Education for 90 full-time equivalent staff positions (90.0 FTE) to support the internship programs pursuant to this Act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Cochran E, Evslin L, Garrett A, Grandinetti T, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey I, Ichiyama L, Ilagan G, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Keohokapu-Loy S, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kong S, Kusch M, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lee M, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Olds I, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Sayama J, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Tarnas D, Templo S, Todd C, Woodson J, Yamashita K

UH Position: Support

Status: July 1, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 251

**[HB 477 HD1 SD2 \(Act 214\)](#) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Amends provisions relating to definitions under Hawai'i Employment Security Law; eligibility for benefits; partial unemployment; waivers; notice of determinations; appeals, filing, and hearing;

contribution rates, how determined; voluntary deduction and withholding of federal and state income taxes. Repeals provisions relating to requirement to post work availability online. Redefines registered for work or registration for work. Amends the qualifications for unemployed individuals who are able to receive certain unemployment benefits. Permits electronic notification of determinations or redeterminations of unemployment claims. Repeals language that limited an individual's ability to change a previously elected withholding status to once during a benefit year.

Introduced by: Sayama J, Hashem M, Holt D, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Takenouchi J, Tarnas D  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 214

**HB 718 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 86) - RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine for the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine to fund for 3 full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) faculty positions; 1 each in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics; and 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health and safety officer staff position. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Takayama G, Amato T, Garrett A, Hashem M, Perruso A, Tam A  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 86

**HB 1026 HD1 SD1 CD2 (Act 29) - 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), unit 10 (institutional, health, and correctional workers), unit 13 (professional and scientific employees), and unit 14 (state law enforcement officers) and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Director of Finance for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 1 (nonsupervisory blue collar employees) and unit 10 (institutional, health, and correctional workers) and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 1 (nonsupervisory blue collar employees) and unit 10 (institutional, health, and correctional workers). -- Appropriation to the Director of Finance for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 11 (firefighters) and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (expenditure ceiling) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 29

**HB 1027 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 30) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance and 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 for salary increases and other costs adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation 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 for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and

employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the health premium payments 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 for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 30

**[HB 1028 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 31\)](#) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance and chief justice for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees). -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 2 (supervisory blue collar employees). (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 31

**[HB 1029 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 32\)](#) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance and chief justice for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 3 (nonsupervisory white collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 32

**[HB 1030 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 33\)](#) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the director of finance and chief justice for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees). -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 4 (supervisory white collar employees) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 33

**HB 1033 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 36) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 7 (faculty of the University of Hawai'i and Community College System) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 7 (faculty of the University of Hawai'i and Community College System) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 12, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 36

**HB 1034 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 37) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 8 (personnel of the University of Hawai'i and Community College System) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 8 (personnel of the University of Hawai'i and Community College System) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 13, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 37

**HB 1035 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 38) - RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS**

Appropriation to the Director of Finance and Chief Justice for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 9 (registered professional nurses) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 9 (registered professional nurses) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. -- Appropriation to the health premium payments for all collective bargaining cost items for collective bargaining unit 9 (registered professional nurses) and for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees excluded from collective bargaining. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 13, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 38

**SB 336 HD1 CD1 (Act 120) - RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES**

Establishes provisions relating to defense of professionally licensed or certified state employees; decision not to defend. Requires the Attorney General, on behalf of the state, to defend any civil action or proceeding brought in any court against any professionally licensed or certified employee of the state for damage to property or personal injury, including death, resulting from the act or omission of the professionally licensed or certified state employee while acting within the scope of the employee's employment; provided that the Attorney General shall have no obligation to defend when the civil action or proceeding results from the professionally licensed or certified state employee's gross negligence or wanton act or omission, or if the employee does not provide all information and assistance that the Attorney General deems necessary to the defense of the employee. Allows the professionally licensed or certified state employee to employ an attorney at the employee's own expense, in lieu of the Attorney General, to defend any civil action or

proceeding brought in any court against the employee. Establishes a process for the Attorney General to transfer or withdraw representation if the Attorney General declines to defend the employee.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, Rhoads K  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 29, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 120

**[SB 855 SD1 HD1 CD1 \(Act 113\)](#) - RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT**

Amends provisions relating to definitions under Hawai'i Retirement Savings Law. Redefines covered employer. -- Amends provisions relating to Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program; due diligence; establishment; payroll deduction upon election to contribute by changing its title to Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program; due diligence; establishment; payroll deduction. Requires each covered employer to automatically enroll its covered employees in the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program unless the employee has elected to opt out. -- Amends provisions relating to Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program; program manager. Repeals provisions limiting the total fees and expenses that can be spent for the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program each year.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Kidani M, Kim D, Moriwaki S  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 29, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 113

**[SB 1065 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 276\)](#) - RELATING TO SKILLS-BASED HIRING**

Establishes provisions relating to bachelor's degree requirements for state or county employment; prohibition. Prohibits the State or any of its departments, agencies, or political subdivisions to require a bachelor's degree as a condition of eligibility for hire to a position in state or county employment. Prohibits this provision to apply if skills-based hiring is not a viable option because the knowledge, skills, or abilities required for the position for which an applicant is applying can only reasonably be obtained, as determined by the appointing authority, through a course of study in pursuit of, and culminating in the award of, a bachelor's degree.

Introduced by: Aquino H  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 2, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 276

**[SB 1359 HD2 \(Act 54\)](#) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BASE COMPOSITE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION**

Amends provisions relating to state and county contributions; retired employees. Requires the base composite monthly contribution to be adjusted annually, beginning January 1, 2026, by increasing the base composite monthly contribution in effect on January 1, 2025, by 5.2 per cent. Requires the adjusted base composite monthly contribution for each new plan year (January 1 until December 31) to be calculated by increasing or decreasing the base composite monthly contribution in effect through the end of the previous plan year by the percentage increase or decrease in the Medicare part B premium rate for the previous plan year, which percentage shall be calculated by dividing the Medicare Part B premium rate in effect at the beginning of the previous plan year by the rate in effect at the beginning of the year prior to the previous plan year.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 15, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 54

**SB 1360 SD1 HD2 (Act 52) - RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Amends provisions relating to commencement of benefits on required beginning date; election and membership; and rights of members separated from service under pension and retirement systems law. Amends the required beginning date of benefits and automatic cashout requirements to be as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 15, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 52

**SB 1361 HD2 (Act 55) - RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER REPORTING REVIEW**

Amends provisions relating to information from the State and counties. Requires the State or county to pay to the system, on the 1st day of the fiscal year that is 1 year after the end of the fiscal year in which the failure to furnish the required information occurred, an amount equal to the employer contributions payable by the State or county, relative to the department or agency that is not in compliance with this provision, during the fiscal year in which the failure to furnish the required information occurred, including if a department or agency of the State or county fails to furnish the system with the information required pursuant to this provision in the format required by the system. -- Requires the system to annually submit to the Department of Budget and Finance and the legislature, not later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session, a report that details the following for the previous fiscal year: any department or agency of the state or counties that failed to comply with this provision; and any amounts required to be paid under this provision, including the anticipated amounts payable in the upcoming fiscal year, and identification of any state budget programs that may be affected (report to the legislature).

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 15, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 55

**SB 1567 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 180) - RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS**

Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to complete a comprehensive review of the classification and compensation systems for all civil service positions that are under its jurisdiction by October 31, 2026. Allows the Department of Human Resources Development to contract with a 3rd party, without regard to Hawai'i Public Procurement Code law, to assist the department in the timely completion the review. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than February 28, 2026; and a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027. (Report to the legislature)

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, DeCoite L, Elefante B, Fukunaga C, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Moriwaki S, Rhoads K, Richards III H, San Buenaventura J

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 180

**Environment****HB 3 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 100) - RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU**

Amends Act 226, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024, relating to beach management on the North Shore

of O'ahu. Requires the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program to submit the North Shore Beach Management Plan to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2026 (report to the legislature). -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program to develop a North Shore Beach Management Plan for the area from Sunset Point to Kapo'o (Sharks Cove) pursuant to this provision; provided that the appropriation made by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Quinlan S  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 100

**HB 242 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 209) - RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES**

Establishes within the Hawai'i State Energy Office an electric vehicle battery recycling and reuse working group to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse of electric vehicle batteries and recommend electric vehicle battery management practices. Requires the working group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than 29 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026. Requires the working group to be dissolved on June 30, 2027. (Sunset) (Report to Legislature)

Introduced by: Marten L, Amato T, Chun C, Grandinetti T, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kila D, Kitagawa L, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Matayoshi S, Olds I, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Souza K, Takenouchi J, Tam A  
UH Position: Comments  
Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 209

**HB 505 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 197) - RELATING TO RED HILL**

Establishes the Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) Law. Establishes provisions relating to definitions. Defines board, chairperson, department, and red hill water alliance initiative, special fund, and WAI. -- Establishes provisions relating to policy lead and coordination. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to serve as the State's policy lead on WAI initiatives through the position of the WAI policy coordinator, to be placed in the office of the chairperson. Requires the WAI policy coordinator to: facilitate implementation and monitoring and interface with federal entities on WAI initiatives outlined in the WAI's November 2023 report; periodically and regularly review: the health status of the ecosystem; and the state of science and opportunities for remediation and rehabilitation; develop and maintain a public-facing test results dashboard describing the significance of results from the State and City and County of Honolulu, as part of a broader public education program; and coordinate the implementation of a 36 month public information and education program to describe, inform, and educate the general public and institutions on the post-defueling remediation phases for Red Hill to restore public trust, secure public support, and address health and environmental concerns. -- Establishes provisions relating to Red Hill remediation special fund. Establishes in the state treasury the Red Hill remediation special fund, into which shall be deposited the following moneys: appropriations to the special fund from any source, including the United States government, legislature, and City and County of Honolulu; gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies, including the United States government, and private persons; and all interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited in the special fund. Requires the special fund to be administered by the WAI policy coordinator. -- Establishes provisions relating to cooperation by state and county agencies. Requires all state and county agencies to provide all information and data requested by the WAI policy coordinator within 30 calendar days; provided that the WAI policy coordinator may, in the coordinator's discretion, set a longer deadline. -- Establishes provisions relating to report. Report to the legislature

Introduced by: Ichiyama L, Amato T, Belatti D, Chun C, Garrett A, Grandinetti T, Holt D, Hussey I, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kapela J, Kitagawa L, La Chica T, Lamosao R, Lee M, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Matsumoto L, Miyake T, Olds I, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Reyes Oda J, Sayama J, Shimizu G, Souza K, Takayama G, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C  
 UH Position: Support  
 Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 197

**[HB 732 HD2 SD2 CD1 \(Act 125\)](#) - RELATING TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Amends provisions relating to definitions under the Coastal Zone Management law. Redefines special management area minor permit to mean an action by the authority authorizing development that has no substantial adverse environmental or ecological effect, taking into account potential cumulative effects, and the valuation of which is not in excess of: 750,000 dollars, with inflation adjustments every 5 years starting from the effective date of this Act by the lead agency in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, if the development is not situated on a shoreline parcel or parcel that is impacted by waves, storm surges, high tide, or shoreline erosion; or 500,000 dollars, if the development is situated on a shoreline parcel or parcel that is impacted by waves, storm surges, high tide, or shoreline erosion. Redefines special management area use permit to mean an action: by the authority authorizing development, the valuation of which exceeds 750,000 dollars, with inflation adjustment every 5 years starting from the effective date of this Act by the lead agency in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor; or that may have a substantial adverse environmental or ecological effect, taking into account potential cumulative effects.

Introduced by: Evslin L, Miyake T  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: May 29, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 125

**[HB 735 HD2 SD1 CD1 \(Act 224\)](#) - RELATING TO WASTEWATER**

Establishes provisions relating to individual wastewater system; dwelling units. Allows an individual wastewater system to serve up to 5 bedrooms, regardless of the number of: dwelling or dwelling units; or accessory units as defined by the counties, whether the dwelling, dwelling units, or accessory units are attached or detached; provided that this provision shall not apply to any new requests to connect additional dwelling units to an existing cesspool.

Introduced by: Evslin L, Kahaloa K, Lowen N, Marten L, Matsumoto L, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Pierick E, Tarnas D, Todd C  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 224

**[HB 736 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 198\)](#) - RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

Establishes a 3 year new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology demonstration and implementation pilot program within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center. Requires the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center to meet specific requirements. Requires the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center to submit an annual interim report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session for the duration of the pilot program; and a final report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2028. (Report to the legislature). Establishes report criteria. Requires the pilot program to cease to exist on June 30, 2028 (sunset). -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i to implement the new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology testing pilot program established pursuant to this Act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Evslin L, Amato T, Holt D, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kitagawa L, Marten L, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Nakamura N, Perruso A, Tarnas D, Todd C  
 UH Position: Support  
 Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 198

**HB 778 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 187) - RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE**

Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct an integrated land use study for agricultural districts as classified under districting and classification of lands. -- Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to submit an interim report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026 on the progress of developing data-based estimates and the progress of the integrated land use study and a final report to the legislature and the land use commission no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027 (report to the legislature). -- Appropriation to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for the establishment of 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner positions, exempt from Civil Service law, and for computers, office supplies, travel, and other expenses to conduct the integrated land use study (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kahaloa K  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 187

**HB 879 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 188) - RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS**

Appropriation to the Department of Health to establish 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent engineer III position within the Department of Health to assist with the upgrade and conversion of cesspools and perform any other related responsibilities as designated by the wastewater branch of the Department of Health. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kitagawa L, Belatti D, Grandinetti T, Holt D, Iwamoto K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kusch M, Lowen N, Matayoshi S, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Quinlan S, Reyes Oda J, Souza K, Takenouchi J, Ward G  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 188

**HB 1017 HD1 SD1 (Act 48) - RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE**

Amends provisions relating to energy security special fund; uses under planning and economic development law; and Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force under Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative law. Repeals the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: May 14, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 48

**HB 1137 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 102) - RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS**

Amends provisions relating to definitions. Redefines beach restoration to mean an activity undertaken to: maintain and improve beaches and dune systems through management of sand and native dune vegetation; place sand on an eroded beach from an approved outside or adjacent source, with or without stabilizing structures; or remove abandoned remnant materials from beaches and dunes that pose a risk to public health and coastal ecosystems; provided that emergency erosion protection structures constructed pursuant to permits issued by the department and that continue to provide the protection for which they were permitted shall not be deemed abandoned remnant materials.

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
 UH Position: Support  
 Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 102

**HB 1220 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 104) - RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support the division of aquatic resources in removing majano anemone from Kāneʻohe Bay, including personnel, materials and equipment, data management and analysis, and outreach and community engagement. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Lee M, Grandinetti T, Hashem M, Hussey I, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kusch M, Lamosao R, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Matsumoto L, Olds I, Poepoe M, Souza K, Takayama G, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C  
 UH Position: Support  
 Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 104

**SB 589 SD1 HD3 CD1 (Act 266) - RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Establishes provisions relating to distributed energy resources installation goal; tariffs; requirements under public utilities commission law. Requires the public utilities commission to establish a goal for new customer-sited distributed energy resources, to be installed in the State by December 31, 2030. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish tariffs for grid services programs, microgrids, and community-based renewable energy with fair compensation to achieve the goal established pursuant to this provision. -- Establishes provisions relating to compensation for solar and energy storage exports. Requires energy exported to the electric grid past a participating customer-generator's point of common coupling from photovoltaic solar systems paired with energy storage as part of a grid service program to be credited at a rate of electricity to be established by the Public Utilities Commission for the relevant time period. Requires the rate to be sufficient to encourage deployment of customer-sited distributed energy resources to meet the goal established pursuant to this provision. – Establishes provisions relating to microgrids; public utility; exception. Provides that a person that constructs, maintains, or operates a new microgrid shall not be considered a public utility solely as a result of furnishing service through that new microgrid to participating consumers. -- Establishes provisions relating to wheeling; renewable energy; rules. Requires the authorization for wheeling under this law to be restricted to wheeling of renewable electricity. -- Amends provisions relating to definitions under Public Utilities Commission law. Defines wheeling. Redefines public utility.

Introduced by: Wakai G, Chang S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, McKelvey A, Moriwaki S, San Buenaventura J  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: July 2, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 266

**SB 1146 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 183) - RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the development of an action plan and pre engineering concept plan to help with debris management and water quality control in the Ala Wai watershed. Requires the university to establish 2 graduate assistant positions to assist with the action plan and pre engineering concept plan, partial summer overload support for faculty mentors providing oversight of the student project teams, and other current expenses. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Moriwaki S, Chang S, Fevella K, Kidani M, McKelvey A  
 UH Position: Support  
 Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 183

**SB 1304 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 179) - RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING**

*Bill information available on page 11.*

**SB 1501 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 191) - RELATING TO ENERGY**

Establishes provisions relating to step-in agreements covering power purchase costs. Establishes provisions relating to step-in agreements. Provides that within 90 days of receiving notice of the filing of an application to the Public Utilities Commission for approval of a power purchase agreement, or if an application has already been filed as of July 1, 2025, within 90 days of receiving notice of the pending application, the Department of Budget and Finance shall execute a step-in agreement related to the power purchase agreement with the obligee; provided that, before the expiration of the 90-day period, the department completes a due diligence investigation of the obligee and the proposed step-in agreement and finds the obligee and proposed step-in agreement to be satisfactory; and further provided that if the public utilities commission denies the application, the step-in agreement shall be deemed void. Requires the step-in agreement to require the department to make payments for power purchase costs owed by an electric utility to the obligee in the event of a default under the related covered power purchase agreement. -- Establishes provisions relating to default of electric utility; successor requirements. Provides that after an obligee provides notice to the department of a default of a covered power purchase agreement, the department shall promptly provide the electric utility with a copy of the notice. -- Establishes provisions relating to power purchase costs trust fund. Establishes outside the state treasury the power purchase costs trust fund to be administered by the department. Requires the department to establish and maintain 2 separate accounts within the fund, the 1st account to be utilized for the deposit of all revenues received from power purchase charges transferred by the electric utility and the 2nd account to be utilized for the deposit of revenues received from reserve fees transferred by the electric utility. Requires the electric utility to transfer to the department for deposit into the applicable account in the fund all revenues collected in connection with a covered power purchase agreement from power purchase charges following a default of the covered power purchase agreement; and reserve fees. Requires moneys in the fund to be held by the department in trust for the benefit of the obligees of covered power purchase agreements to the extent of the amounts owed to the obligees. -- Establishes provisions relating to reserve account; establishment. Provides that by August 1, 2025, the Public Utilities Commission shall create a surcharge, referred to as reserve fees, which shall be deposited into an account within the fund and be pledged to secure and be applied to the repayment of payment obligations under a covered power purchase agreement to the extent that there is a shortfall in the amount of revenues received from power purchase charges on deposit in the fund. -- Establishes provisions relating to electric utility; agent of the department. Requires the department to designate the electric utility or its successor to act as an agent of the department to provide billing, collection, payment, management, and other related services. Provides that in any action concerning a breach by the department of an agency agreement entered into in connection with the billing, collection, payment, and other related services, the sole remedy available to an electric utility against the department shall be a court order directing specific performance by the department of the agency agreement. Provides that under no circumstances shall the department be liable for any costs, expenses, or other monetary relief or compensatory damages in connection with a breach of any agency agreement.

Introduced by: Wakai G

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 6, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 191

## Funding

### **[HB 3 HD2 SD1 CD1 \(Act 100\)](#) - RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU**

*Bill information available on page 20.*

### **[HB 427 HD1 SD2 \(Act 236\)](#) - RELATING TO BIOSECURITY**

*Bill information available on page 9.*

### **[HB 442 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 94\)](#) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

*Bill information available on page 8.*

### **[HB 718 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 86\)](#) - RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

*Bill information available on page 16.*

### **[HB 736 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 198\)](#) - RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

*Bill information available on page 22.*

### **[HB 1153 HD1 SD2 CD1 \(Act 42\)](#) - RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS**

Amends Act 164, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, as amended by Act 230, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2024, relating to the state budget. Establishes supplemental allotments and transfers of unrequired balances for capital improvement program projects. Establishes a protocol fund with a cap of 7,000 dollars for each state principal department. Allows emergency appropriations and commensurate reductions to pay for anticipated operating shortfalls in the 4th quarter due to the limited ability to transfer funds between programs. Allows the governor to use program savings and available funds for the purpose of temporarily maintaining critical federally funded state programs and positions. Allows the transfer of an amount in excess of the requirements of the State Educational Facilities Improvement Special Fund to the general fund. -- (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)

UH Position: Watched

Status: May 14, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 42

### **[HB 1168 HD1 SD1 CD1 \(Act 156\)](#) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS**

Authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds, with the approval of the governor, to finance the costs of construction or the costs of maintenance and modernization, or both, of any university project, any university system, or any network or combination thereof, including reserves therefor as the Board of Regents may direct. Appropriation to the Board of Regents. Provided that students residing in the University of Hawai'i student housing services program with a demonstrated financial need, as determined by the University of Hawai'i, who qualify for the resident tuition fee are assisted with a housing allowance, stipend, or similar financial aid to help offset a portion of an increase in room and board costs that are due to increased debt service from said revenue bonds. Report to the legislature. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 156

**HB 1300 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 254) - RELATING TO CANCER**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living in close proximity to landfills in Nānākuli, O'ahu. Provided that the analysis utilize water and soil sample data from the Department of Health and other agencies. Requires the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to seek other sources of funding, in addition to the funds appropriated by this Act, to complete the multiethnic cohort study. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kila D, Chun C, Garrett A, Kahaloa K, Lamosao R, Quinlan S  
UH Position: Support  
Status: July 1, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 254

**HB 1424 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 215) - RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS**

Establishes provisions relating to transfers of funds; positions; operating expenses; report. Requires the Director of Finance to submit an annual report to the legislature no later than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year that shall, at minimum: identify all positions funded by appropriations intended for operating expenses including but not limited to equipment and motor vehicles; identify operating expenses funded by appropriations intended for filling positions during the preceding fiscal year; and include, if applicable, a list of departments that failed to provide information necessary to complete the report (report to the legislature).

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 215

**SB 119 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 265) - RELATING TO NURSING**

*Bill information available on page 8.*

**SB 326 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 223) - RELATING TO REVOLVING FUNDS**

Amends provisions relating to criteria for the establishment and continuance of revolving funds. Requires the legislature, in establishing or reviewing a revolving fund to determine whether it should be continued, to ensure that the revolving fund demonstrates the capacity to be financially self sustaining by annual projections that show that the revolving fund will be sustainable without appropriations of general funds into the revolving fund; or a schedule of projected collections of outstanding payments to the revolving fund that will capitalize the revolving fund

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kanuha D, Kidani M, Lee C, Moriwaki S, Wakai G  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 223

**SB 933 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 310) - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Appropriation to the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the awarding of grants for the benefit of nonprofit organizations in the State of Hawai'i and the contracting of administrative support services to evaluate, select, award, distribute moneys to, and monitor compliance of, grant recipients; for the establishment of 2 temporary full time equivalent (2.00 FTE) positions and for the purchase of office equipment and furniture. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kanuha D  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 9, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 310

**SB 1146 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 183) - RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL**

*Bill information available on page 24.*

**SB 1252 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 283) - RELATING TO DEMENTIA**

Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the establishment of 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Geriatric Medicine to coordinate and incorporate training on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia for health care providers into existing University of Hawai'i programs; and review, update, and develop a dementia curriculum to be incorporated into existing University of Hawai'i programs with the goal of establishing a local, informed dementia workforce. Requires the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Geriatric Medicine to submit an annual report to the legislature beginning December 15, 2025, through December 15, 2027, on the hiring of personnel and accomplishments realized pursuant to this act. (Report to Legislature) (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kim D, Aquino H, Chang S, DeCoite L, Elefante B, Fevella K, Hashimoto T, Rhoads K, Richards III H

UH Position: Support / Comments

Status: July 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 283

**SB 1502 SD1 HD1 CD1 (Act 176) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

*Bill information available on page 8.*

**SB 1578 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 158) - RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Establishes provisions relating to East-West Center. Requires the official designation of the East-West Center to be the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc. Report to the legislature. -- Amends provisions relating to Office of International Affairs; established. Requires the office to provide support to the Hawai'i sister-state and international partnerships commission. -- Establishes provisions relating to establishment of out-of-state offices; purposes. Allows the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish and operate offices and facilities in out-of-state locations, including foreign nations, to support sister-state or province relationships, as defined in provisions relating to sister-state and province relationships law, and other partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners. -- Amends provisions relating to powers of the department; definition by changing its title to definitions; and Hawai'i sister-state committee by changing its title to Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, for administrative purposes only, the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission. Requires the commission to support the governor, legislature, and Office of International Affairs in building and maintaining strategic long-term sister-state or province partnerships that promote and enrich the people, cultures, environments, and economies of the State and its international partners. -- Amends provisions relating to initiating sister-state relationships; maintaining sister-state relationships; dissolving sister-state relationships. -- Appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Office of International Affairs to develop an updated strategy for the State's international engagement in the 21st century; and analysis of potential investment and revenue generation abroad. -- Appropriation to the University of Hawai'i for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc., to assist in the development and maintenance of the State's international relationships, programs, and partnerships. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Lee C, Chang S

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 158

## Health and Medicine

### **HB 72 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 93) - RELATING TO PHARMACY**

Establishes provisions relating to registered pharmacy technicians; certificate of registration required under pharmacists and pharmacy law. Provides that beginning January 1, 2026, no person shall act as a pharmacy technician without 1st obtaining a valid certificate of registration issued by the board pursuant to this provision. Provides that if the registered pharmacy technician is suspected to have violated any law or rule regarding the practice of pharmacy, legend drugs, or controlled substances, or if there is evidence that a registered pharmacy technician may have violated any such law or rule, the pharmacist-in-charge shall notify the board, in writing, within 10 days or immediately if any danger to the public health or safety exists. -- Amends provisions relating to definitions under pharmacists and pharmacy law. Defines auxiliary pharmacy personnel, registered pharmacy technician, and supervision. -- Amends provisions relating to powers and duties; qualifications for license by changing its title to registered pharmacists; qualifications for license; pharmacist in charge; pharmacy personnel. Provides that the supervising registered pharmacist shall supervise the actions of the pharmacy intern. -- Amends provisions relating to vaccinations; children; disciplinary action.

Introduced by: Matayoshi S, Chun C  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 93

### **HB 250 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 151) - RELATING TO HEALTH**

Establishes provisions relating to prior authorization data; reporting under health planning and resources development and health care cost control law. Requires utilization review entities doing business in the State to submit data to the State Health Planning and Development Agency relating to prior authorization of health care services, in a format specified by the state agency. Requires reporting to be annual for the preceding calendar year and shall be submitted no later than January 31 of the subsequent calendar year. Requires the state agency to post the format for reporting on its website no later than 3 months before the start of the reporting period. -- Establishes provisions relating to Health Care Appropriateness and Necessity Working Group; established. Establishes the Health Care Appropriateness and Necessity Working Group within the state agency. Requires the working group to determine by research and consensus; the most respected peer-reviewed national scientific standards; clinical guidelines; and appropriate use criteria published by federal agencies, academic institutions, and professional societies, that correspond to each of the most frequent clinical treatments, procedures, medications, diagnostic images, laboratory and diagnostic tests, or types of medical equipment prescribed by licensed physicians and other health care providers in the State that trigger prior authorization determinations by the utilization review entities; assess whether it is appropriate to require prior authorization for each considered clinical treatment, procedure, medication, diagnostic image, laboratory and diagnostic test, or type of medical equipment prescribed by licensed physicians and other health care providers; make recommendations on standards for 3rd party reviewers related to the specialty expertise of those reviewing and for those discussing a patient's denial with the patient's health care provider; recommend appropriate time frames within which urgent and standard requests shall be decided; monitor anticipated federal developments related to prior authorization for health care services and consider these developments when making its recommendations; assess industry progress toward, and readiness to implement, any recommendations; and make recommendations on treatments for common chronic or long-term conditions for which prior authorization may remain valid for the duration of the treatment in the appropriate clinical setting. Report to the legislature. -- Amends provisions relating to definitions under health planning and resources development and health care cost control.

Introduced by: Marten L, Amato T, Iwamoto K, Takayama G, Tam A, Tarnas D, Todd C

UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 151

**HB 441 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 95) - RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES**

Amends provisions relating to taxes; and disposition of revenues under cigarette tax and tobacco tax law. Amends the cigarette tax from 16 cents to 18 cents beginning on January 1, 2026. Requires the increase in the cigarette tax amount to be deposited to the Hawai'i cancer research special fund for the purposes of debt service of capital expenditures and building maintenance.

Introduced by: Garrett A, Chun C, Evslin L, Kapela J, Keohokapu-Loy S, Kila D, La Chica T, Marten L, Olds I, Sayama J  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 95

**HB 442 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 94) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

*Bill information available on page 8.*

**HB 951 HD2 SD1 (Act 65) - RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Amends provisions relating to practice of telehealth under the Medicine and Surgery law. Requires, for the purposes of prescribing opiates or certifying a patient for the medical use of cannabis, a physician-patient relationship to only be established after an in-person consultation between the prescribing physician and the patient; provided that a patient who has been seen in person by a health care provider in the same medical group as the prescribing provider authorized pursuant to registration may be prescribed an opiate prescription for a 3-day supply or less via telehealth

Introduced by: Takayama G, Chun C, Garrett A, Holt D, Kila D, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Perruso A, Pierick E, Takenouchi J, Tam A, Todd C  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 16, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 65

**HB 1300 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 254) - RELATING TO CANCER**

*Bill information available on page 27.*

**HB 1379 HD2 SD1 (Act 174) - RELATING TO HEALTH**

Amends provisions relating to foreign medical graduates; alternative qualifications. Allows notwithstanding provision relating to qualifications for examination and licensure, a graduate of a foreign medical school to be licensed by the Hawai'i Medical Board under this provision if the graduate: passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory to the board, passed the qualifying examination of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, and has at least 3 years of medical training or experience in a hospital approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association for internship or residency; passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), or a combination of these examinations as approved by the board, with scores deemed satisfactory to the board, possesses an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certificate, and has successfully completed 2 years of post-graduate medical training in a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association or a Canadian program that has been accredited for resident training by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada; provided that if the post-graduate medical training involves a subspecialty clinical fellowship program, the board may accept post-graduate medical training in a hospital that has an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association or accredited Canadian post graduate medical

training program in the parent specialty

Introduced by: Lee M, Kahaloe K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Marten L, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Takayama G, Tarnas D  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 4, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 174

**[SB 119 SD1 HD1 CD1 \(Act 265\)](#) - RELATING TO NURSING**

*Bill information available on page 8.*

**[SB 532 SD2 HD2 CD1 \(Act 136\)](#) - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*Bill information available on page 14.*

**[SB 850 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 275\)](#) - RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY**

Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect comprehensive data to identify gaps in social determinants of health, especially in the areas of health care access and quality and economic stability, that affect health outcomes and health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or development disabilities in the State and that can be addressed with policy, legislative, or stakeholder action. Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to submit a report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027, which shall include a list of recommendations and proposals, based on the council's findings, on how state agencies and departments can implement legislation and policies to reduce health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (report to the legislature). -- Appropriation to the Department of Health for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect comprehensive data and compile and submit to the legislature a report pursuant to this Act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kanuha D, Chang S, DeCoite L, McKelvey A, Rhoads K  
UH Position: Support  
Status: July 2, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 275

**[SB 1245 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 220\)](#) - RELATING TO PHARMACISTS**

Establishes provisions relating to services provided by participating registered pharmacists; coverage; under insurance code law; benefit societies law; and health maintenance organization act law; federally qualified health center or rural health clinic visit; medical care payments; and coverage for telehealth. Requires private and public health plans issued in the State on or after July 1, 2026 to recognize licensed pharmacists as participating providers and mandate payment or reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists within their scope of practice to the extent that the policy or plan provides coverage for the same service rendered by another health care provider. -- Amends provisions relating to medical care payments; and coverage for telehealth under Department of Human Services law to include pharmacists.

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J  
UH Position: Support  
Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 220

**[SB 1252 SD2 HD1 CD1 \(Act 283\)](#) - RELATING TO DEMENTIA**

*Bill information available on page 28.*

**[SB 1281 SD2 HD2 CD1 \(Act 217\)](#) - RELATING TO TELEHEALTH**

Amends Act 107, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, relating to telehealth. Extends sunset date to December 31, 2027.

Introduced by: Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, McKelvey A  
 UH Position: Support / Comments  
 Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 217

**SB 1365 HD1 CD1 (Act 163) - RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

Allows criminal history record checks to be conducted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on applicants for physician licensure or license renewal, through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact as provided by provisions relating to terms and provisions of compact; authorization; governor.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 163

**SB 1431 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 114) - RELATING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS**

Establishes provisions relating to hepatitis prevention program under infectious and communicable diseases law. Allows the Department of Health to establish and administer a hepatitis prevention program to prevent morbidity and mortality among Hawai'i residents due to hepatitis B and hepatitis C. -- Repeals provisions relating to blood transfusion, hepatitis. -- Appropriation to the Department of Health for the establishment and implementation of the hepatitis prevention program, including the establishment of 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist V position; 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) epidemiological specialist position; and 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) office assistant III position within the Department of Health for the purposes of this Act. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)  
 UH Position: Watched  
 Status: May 29, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 114

## Information Technology

**HB 934 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 201) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE**

Establishes provisions relating to Broadband Office. Establishes provisions relating to Broadband Office; establishment; strategic broadband coordinator; staff. Establishes the Broadband Office within the Department of Accounting and General Services for administrative purposes only. -- Establishes provisions relating to Broadband Office; duties. Provides that in furtherance of the State's objectives and policies for the economy pursuant to provisions relating to objectives and policies for the economy—information industry, the Broadband Office shall; develop and implement specific strategies and plans to aggressively increase broadband affordability, penetration, and competitive availability in the State; support the efforts of both public and private entities in the State to enhance or facilitate the deployment of and access to competitively priced, advanced electronic communications services, including broadband and its products and services and internet access services of general application throughout the State; promote the landing of trans-Pacific submarine cable, including the development of a shared access cable station and associated terrestrial connectivity to reduce barriers to fiber landing in the State; promote, advocate, and facilitate the implementation of the findings and recommendations of the Hawai'i Broadband Task Force established by Act 2, 1st Special Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007, and the 2020 Hawai'i Broadband Strategic Plan; support the findings of community-based groups as reflected in its digital equity declaration; administer grant programs in support of broadband infrastructure, innovation, and the digital economy; actively seek out funding from public and private sources in furtherance of the office's duties pursuant to this provision; and provide a repository, aggregation point, and

governance framework for broadband mapping and digital equity data from various sources, including digital literacy, telehealth, distance education, internet accessibility, and service coverage to support mapping, reporting, infrastructure deployment, and data-driven policy. -- Establishes provisions relating to broadband planning and coordination; cooperation; broadband revolving fund. Requires moneys in the broadband revolving fund to be used for supporting broadband projects, excluding the deployment of broadband infrastructure for the provision of retail service; defraying the cost of internet services; and funding positions for personnel to provide technical assistance to the community. -- Repeals the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office law. -- Repeals provisions relating to other duties of the director; broadband services. -- Amends Act 199, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2010, relating to technology, as amended by Act 151, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2011, as amended by Act 23, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2016. Repeals provisions relating to telework promotion; Broadband Assistance Advisory Council; establishment; purpose. -- Amends Act 151, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2011, relating to telecommunications, as amended by Act 264, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013, as amended by Act 193, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2016. Requires a person or entity taking any action under this provision to provide notice to the Broadband Office, at least 30 calendar days before the action is taken, by electronic posting in the form and on the site designated by the Broadband Office for such posting on the designated central State of Hawai'i Internet website. -- Appropriation into and out of the broadband revolving fund to the Broadband Office for the reimbursement of contracts executed by the Broadband Office. -- Appropriation to the broadband office for the establishment of; 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) digital navigator positions on Hawai'i Island; 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) digital navigator position on O'ahu; 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) digital navigator position on Kaua'i; 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) digital navigator position on Maui island; and 1 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) digital navigator position on Moloka'i. -- Transfers all rights, powers, functions, and duties of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism relating to the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office to the Department of Accounting and General Services. (\$\$)

Introduced by: Ilagan G, Amato T, Grandinetti T, Hashem M, Holt D, Hussey I, Iwamoto K, Kahaloha K, Kapela J, Keohokapu-Loy S, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kusch M, Lamosao R, Lowen N, Marten L, Miyake T, Perruso A, Poepoe M, Souza K, Takenouchi J, Tarnas D, Todd C

UH Position: Support

Status: June 9, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 201

## Legal

### **[HB 420 HD3 SD2 CD1 \(Act 308\)](#) - RELATING TO REMEDIES**

Amends provisions relating to limitation of action for damages based on construction to improve real property under limitation of actions law. Clarifies that the statute of repose applies to contract, tort, and statutory claims. -- Amends provisions relating to notice of claim of construction defect under Contractor Repair Act. Clarifies the required contents of a notice of claim of a construction defect served on a contractor. -- Amends provisions relating to rejection of claim; opportunity to repair construction defect; offer of settlement. Clarifies the process and time frame by which a claimant may accept or reject a contractor's offer to settle and authorize repairs. -- Amends provisions relating to mediation. Clarifies the mediation process for construction defect claims. -- Amends provisions relating to statute of limitations on actions exception. Clarifies the statute of limitation or repose for construction defect claims.

Introduced by: Evslyn L, Kila D, Kitagawa L, Kusch M, Tam A

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 9, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 308

**SB 336 HD1 CD1 (Act 120) - RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES**

*Bill information available on page 18.*

## Procurement

**HB 987 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 206) - RELATING TO PROCUREMENT**

Establishes in the state treasury the state procurement automation system special fund to be administered by the State Procurement Office and into which shall be deposited: vendor-collected transaction fees, pursuant to provision relating to additional duties of the administrator of the Procurement Office, for administration, management, operation, maintenance, and upgrade of the procurement automation system; and appropriations made by the legislature to the special fund. Requires the state procurement automation special fund to be expended by the administrator of the State Procurement Office for the purposes of the administration, management, operation, maintenance, and upgrade of the procurement automation system. -- Amends provisions relating to chief procurement officers. Requires the chief procurement officer for each of the following state entities to be: the University of Hawai'i --the chief financial officer of the University of Hawai'i; the School Facilities Authority--the executive director of the School Facilities Authority. -- Amends provisions relating to establishment of the State Procurement Office; administrator. Requires there to be a State Procurement Office, placed for administrative purposes only, within the Department of Accounting and General Services, which shall be headed by the administrator of the State Procurement Office. Requires the administrator to be the chief procurement officer for those governmental bodies of the executive branch as provided provision relating to chief procurement officers

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)

UH Position: Watched

Status: June 25, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 206

**SB 383 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 262) - RELATING TO SMALL PURCHASES**

Amends provisions relating to small purchases; prohibition against parceling. Requires that procurements of 50,000 dollars to less than 250,000 dollars to be made in accordance with small purchase procedures; provided that these small purchase procurements shall be conducted through an electronic system. Requires, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026, the State Procurement Office to submit to the legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on the efficacy of the amendment to provisions relating to small purchases; prohibition against parceling, made by this Act (report to the legislature).

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

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 1, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 262

## Real Property

**HB 329 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 204) - RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

Amends provisions relating to powers; generally. Requires except as otherwise limited by this law, the authority to be responsible for all projects related to: new or renovated facilities for prekindergarten, preschool, child care, or early learning programs; workforce housing for educators and other education workers in schools serving prekindergarten, elementary, and secondary grades; any public school development, planning, and construction assigned by the legislature, governor, or Board of Education. Allows except as otherwise limited by this law, the authority to

also: partner with public and private development agencies to develop: prekindergarten, preschool, child care, and early learning program facilities. -- Appropriation to the School Facilities Authority for the planning and construction of a new middle school in central Maui, for the planning and construction of a workforce housing project in Mililani. (\$\$)

Introduced by: La Chica t, Amato T, Iwamoto K, Kahaloa K, Kitagawa L, Marten L, Olds I, Poepoe, M, Quinlan S, Reyes Oda J, Souza K, Todd C  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 24, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 204

### **HB 511 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 82) - RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

Amends provisions relating to public purposes, lands set aside by the governor; management. Prohibits a survey of the land to be set aside to be a condition precedent to set aside public lands to a department or agency of the state; provided that a subsequent survey of the land set aside shall be binding if ratified by the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the governor; provided further that the State, its departments and agencies, and its officials and employees shall be immune from all suits of whatever character, whether sounding in law or in equity, relating to the boundaries of land set aside without a survey.

Introduced by: Ichiyama L, Hashem M, Tarnas D  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 82

### **HB 778 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 187) - RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE**

*Bill information available on page 23.*

### **HB 830 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 306) - RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS**

Amends provisions relating to review of effect of proposed state projects; and provisions relating to review of proposed projects under historic preservation law. Provides that beginning July 1, 2027, allows the State Historic Preservation Division to contract its review of proposed state projects and projects affecting historic properties to 3rd party consultants under certain circumstances. Establishes requirements for qualified 3rd party consultants providing review services. Requires the project proponent to pay the reasonable fee requirements of the 3rd party consultant. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to publish a draft of its proposed rules within 1 year, and within 1 year thereafter, present its proposed final rules to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Introduced by: Miyake T, Amato T, Evslin L, Holt D, Kahaloa K, Kila D, Lamosao R, Lee M, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Souza K, Takayama G, Takenouchi J, Tarnas D, Todd C  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 8, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 306

### **HB 1007 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 252) - RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Amends provisions relating to transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement district by changing its title to transit-oriented development improvement program. Establishes the transit-oriented development improvement program to be administered by the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to foster community improvement by strategically investing in infrastructure. -- Amends provisions relating to transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement district program special fund by changing its title to transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement program special fund. -- Allows the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the development of infrastructure within transit-oriented

development infrastructure improvement program areas, lands within community development districts established under Hawai'i Community Development Authority law, or the stadium development district, and lands owned by the authority. Requires the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to notify the legislature upon the issuance of the revenue bonds authorized by this Act, including a detailed list and description of all projects to be funded through the revenue bonds authorized by this Act.

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 1, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 252

**HB 1409 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 159) - RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Amends provisions relating to rental housing revolving fund. Requires moneys available in the fund to be used for the purpose of providing, in whole or in part, loans for rental housing projects demonstrating project readiness, efficiency, and feasibility acceptable to the corporation; provided that for projects that were awarded low-income housing credits pursuant to this provision, priority shall be given to projects with a perpetual affordability commitment. Defines perpetual to mean the useful life of the project. -- Establishes within the fund a mixed-income subaccount. Requires moneys in the mixed-income subaccount to be used for financing, including but not limited to loans, equity investments, and credit enhancement, for mixed-income rentals for qualified residents as defined under Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation law. Requires the corporation to establish an application process for the allocation of funds in the mixed-income subaccount, separate from the fund allocation process pursuant to provisions relating to eligible projects, that gives preference to projects meeting specified criteria. -- Amends provisions relating to eligible projects; transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement district program; assessment; rules; and Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development by changing its title to Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development; transit-oriented development planning and implementation. Requires the Transit-Oriented Development Infrastructure Improvement District Board to consider the infrastructure needs of transit-supportive density requirements. Requires the strategic plan developed by the Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development to delineate transit-oriented development areas for each county. Defines county-designated transit-oriented development area; transit-oriented development; and transit-oriented development project.

Introduced by: Evslin L, Amato T, Belatti D, Grandinetti T, Holt D, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Lowen N, Marten L, Miyake T, Morikawa D, Takayama G, Tarnas D  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 159

**SB 15 SD1 HD2 CD1 (Act 293) - RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Amends provisions relating to definitions under historic preservation law. Defines historic property to mean any building, structure, object, district, area, or site, including heiau and underwater site that is over 50 years old and meets the criteria for being entered into the Hawai'i register of historic places. Amends provisions relating to excluded activities for privately-owned single-family detached dwelling units and townhouses by adding to title residential projects, and nominally sensitive areas. Requires an application for a proposed project on an existing residential property to be subject to the requirements of provision relating to review of proposed projects only if the existing residential property is over 50 years old and is: listed on the Hawai'i register of historic places, or both; nominated for inclusion on the Hawai'i or national register of historic places, or both; or located in a historic district. Requires an application for a proposed project on an existing residential property to be subject to the requirements of provision relating to review of proposed projects only if the existing residential property is over 50 years old and is registered on the Hawai'i register of historic places. Prohibits an application for a proposed project in a nominally sensitive area to be subject to

the requirements of provision relating to review of proposed projects. Defines nominally sensitive area to mean a project area that is known to include a low density of historic, cultural, or archaeological resources, or where the project area has been substantially disturbed by previous excavation or other ground-disturbing work and no significant historic properties have been previously identified

Introduced by: Inouye L

UH Position: Watched

Status: July 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 293

### **SB 739 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 279) - RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE**

Allows in consultation with the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the governor to negotiate land exchanges in accordance with public lands, management and disposition law, for the purpose of acquiring private lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production by the state or its lessees, in exchange for state lands to be acquired by private parties for development of affordable housing, workforce housing, and other housing inventory for Hawai'i residents. Allows the governor to coordinate with the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and any other department or agency of the state that holds title to or an assignment of state land that may be appropriate for exchange under this provision; provided that lands undergoing the development entitlement process and on which substantial state funds have been expended shall not be considered priority lands for an exchange under this provision. Allows to facilitate successful negotiation of land exchanges, including the enhancement of optimal agricultural lands acquired by the state in exchange for urbanized lands and the expedient consummation of exchanges, the governor to, pursuant to this provision, reclassify and rezone lands intended for exchange under this act and transfer such state lands, authorized by this provision, to private parties for development of housing and other mixed uses within the state urban land use district with appropriate county residential or mixed-use zoning, subject to the following: the lands shall be within a 1/2 mile radius of any rail station approved by the Federal Transportation Administration within the City and County of Honolulu; and any development on the lands to be transferred to private parties shall comply with all state and county laws, rules, and regulations regarding health and safety and building permit requirements for housing or mixed-use developments on private lands, and after transfer shall not be subject to laws, rules, and regulations applicable to state lands except as required by this act; and any lands received from private parties as part of a land exchange pursuant to this provision shall assume the ceded or public land trust character of the state lands for which the lands were exchanged. Provides that to promote exchanges that address the objectives of the State in acquiring more lands for diversified agriculture and encouraging private parties to develop more affordable, workforce, and other housing inventory: appraisals shall be performed, in compliance with provision relating to exchanges, of state lands for purposes of exchange with the urban, residential, or mixed-use land; provided that appraisals shall reflect any land-use reclassification and rezoning adopted pursuant to this act; the development of housing on private lands as contemplated by this act shall be subject to historic preservation law and environmental impact statements law, as applicable to private housing on private lands, notwithstanding the prior state ownership of the land or the use of state or county housing assistance programs; the governor, as necessary to facilitate and effect the purposes of this act, may submit notifications and supporting information to: the Land Use Commission for any necessary reclassification of land; and the planning director of the appropriate county for any necessary rezoning of land; provided that the reclassification and rezoning shall be adopted within 30 days of receipt of the governor's notification; private development of housing or mixed uses on private lands, as contemplated by this act, shall be exempt from all applicable state and county procurement requirements, impact fees, and other exactions; the governor and all related state and county agencies shall take such further actions as may be necessary to facilitate and effect the purposes of this act; consummation of any exchange pursuant to this act shall be subject to the requirements of provision 3 of this act; and any state land transferred to a private party pursuant to

this act shall include a restrictive covenant or reversionary interest in the deed in favor of the state that requires the land to be used for the development of affordable housing, workforce housing, or other housing inventory. Requires the governor to submit a report to the legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026. (Report to Legislature)

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR) Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, San Buenaventura J  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: July 2, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 279

**SB 1263 SD2 HD3 CD1 (Act 160) - RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Amends provisions relating to review of effect of proposed state projects; privately owned historic property; and review of proposed projects under historic preservation law. Establishes a process to expedite the review of majority-residential mixed-use transit-oriented development or residential transit-oriented development on certain parcels within county-designated transit oriented development zones that have a low risk of affecting historically significant resources. Allows the lead agencies, or officer of the state to make determinations on the potential effects of a project. Establishes a 90 calendar day limit or 30 calendar day limit if no historic property is to be affected for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to concur or not concur with project effect determinations. Provides that projects with written concurrence are exempt from further review unless there is a significant change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area under certain conditions. Establishes notice and reporting requirements if there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area after the initial written concurrence

Introduced by: Chang S  
UH Position: Watched  
Status: June 3, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 160

**SB 1441 SD2 HD2 (Act 62) - RELATING TO THE TRANSITION OF THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FROM THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Amends Act 212, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, relating to the transition of the O'ahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation into the Department of Health, as amended by Act 150, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022. Repeals the requirement to transfer the O'ahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health. -- Amends provisions relating to transition of Hawai'i health systems regional system or health facility to a new entity. -- Provides that no later than November 30, 2025, the O'ahu regional health care system and the Department of Health shall enter into a formal memorandum of agreement by which the O'ahu regional health care system shall accept psychiatrically stable patients who are transferred or discharged from the Hawai'i State Hospital and who meet institutional level of care. Requires the formal memorandum of agreement to include the following; O'ahu regional health care system staff shall clinically assess all patients referred for admission by the Hawai'i State Hospital; and Hawai'i State Hospital staff shall support O'ahu regional health care system staff as medically necessary for patients admitted to Leahi hospital from the Hawai'i State Hospital, by providing on-call access to psychiatric and related services and on-site psychiatric consultations on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. Report to the legislature.

Introduced by: Kouchi R (BR)  
UH Position: Comments  
Status: May 16, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 62

## Students

### **HB 1170 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 138) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE**

Amends provisions relating to residence for tuition purposes; basic rule. Requires the Board of Regents to adopt the necessary rules defining residence for tuition purposes herein; provided that the basic rule shall be that a student shall qualify for the resident tuition fee only if: both of the following criteria are met: the adult student, or in the case of a minor student, the student's parents or guardians, has or have been a bona fide resident of this State for at least 12 consecutive months next preceding the student's 1st day of officially scheduled instruction for any semester or term in which the student is enrolling at the particular college or campus; and the adult or minor student has not been claimed as a dependent for tax purposes for at least 12 months next preceding the student's 1st day of officially scheduled instruction for any semester or term in which the student is enrolling at the particular college or campus by the student's parents or guardians who are nonresidents of the State; provided that this provision shall not apply in cases where the parent claiming the student as a dependent is entitled to do so under a child support order or agreement issued or entered into in conjunction with a divorce proceeding or legal separation agreement and the other parent and the student meet the criteria set forth in this provision; or the adult or minor student: graduated from a high school in the State within 2 years preceding the student's 1st day of officially scheduled instruction for any semester or term in which the student is enrolling at the particular college or campus; and will enroll in an undergraduate degree program.

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 30, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 138

### **HB 1171 HD2 SD1 CD1 (Act 85) - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING**

Amends provisions relating to University of Hawai'i tuition and fees special fund. Allows the Board of Regents to authorize expenditures of up to 3,000,000 dollars annually, excluding in-kind services, from the special fund for the purposes of providing student aid in direct response to an emergency or a disaster as declared by the governor. Requires the University of Hawai'i to submit a comprehensive report to the legislature detailing the use of any funds authorized by the board under this provision no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session. (Report to the legislature).

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)  
UH Position: Support  
Status: May 27, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 85

## State Budget

### **HB 300 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 250) - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

Introduced by: Nakamura N (BR)

UH Position: Support

Status: June 27, 2025 – Line-item appropriations veto ([GM 1345](#))

June 30, 2025 – Signed into law, Act 250

### State Budget – Operating

Campus	Item	Board of Regents		Legislature	
		FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
<b>Permanent Funding</b>					
Mānoa	Make Mānoa Athletics subsidy permanent	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Mānoa	HIMB Positions from Act 181/23	\$246,118	\$246,118	\$246,118	\$246,118
Mānoa	K-12 Expanded Teaching Cohort from Act 141/22	\$420,556	\$375,556		
Mānoa	Pamantasan Council from Act 64/23	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$85,500
Hilo	Make Hilo Athletics subsidy permanent	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Hilo	Full Year funding for BS in Education Studies and Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500
Community Colleges	Windward CC Mental Health Tech Certificate of Competence Program from Act 107/24	\$210,150	\$210,150	\$210,150	\$210,150
Community Colleges	Maui College Practical Nursing Bridge Program from Act 74/23	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Community Colleges	Pamantasan Council from Act 64/23	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000	\$196,000
<b>Hawai'i Promise</b>					
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$8,683,397	\$8,683,397		
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$920,938	\$920,938		
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Program Expansion	\$2,451,832	\$2,451,832		

Campus	Item	Board of Regents		Legislature	
		FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
<b>Student Support</b>					
Mānoa	Financial Aid Counselors	\$904,152	\$904,152	\$199,440	\$398,880
Hilo	Retention Coordinator	\$37,500	\$75,000		
Hilo	Internship Coordinator	\$37,500	\$75,000		
Hilo	Student Enrollment Management	\$432,500	\$640,000		
West O'ahu	Admissions and Financial Aid	\$213,600	\$213,600	\$37,650	\$75,300
<b>Workforce Development - Nursing</b>					
Mānoa	UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration Phase III	\$447,936	\$447,936	\$447,936	\$447,936
Mānoa	Online RN to BS Program	\$111,984	\$111,984		
Hilo	Increase School of Nursing cohort size	\$297,500	\$595,000	\$357,500	\$475,000
West O'ahu	Pre-Nursing Pathway	\$424,364	\$424,364	\$107,776	\$215,552
<b>Workforce Development - Other</b>					
Hilo	Administration of Justice Program Expansion	\$75,000	\$150,000		
Hilo	Data Science Program	\$42,500	\$85,000		
Hilo	Biocultural Science Program	\$85,000	\$170,000		
West O'ahu	Teacher Preparation Programs	\$90,455	\$90,455		
<b>Medical Facilities</b>					
JABSOM	Debt service for Kaka'ako Health & Wellness Campus	\$2,725,000	\$2,725,000		
Cancer Center	Debt service and operational costs	\$6,857,810	\$6,857,810		
<b>Other Requests - Core Functions</b>					
JABSOM	Central Chiller Plant Operations	\$63,000	\$63,000		
Hilo	Groundskeepers	\$101,280	\$202,560		
West O'ahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services	\$341,748	\$341,748	\$66,888	\$133,776
System Admin	Information Security	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000		
<b>Other</b>					
Mānoa	Expand Concussion Education to Middle Schools	\$200,000	\$200,000		
JABSOM	Focus on cardiovascular disease and treatment	\$700,000	\$700,000		
Mānoa	Convert Athletics Positions and Additional Support	\$4,519,341	\$4,519,341	\$320,000	\$320,000
<b>Governor's Message</b>					
Mānoa	Pamantasan Council (additional funds)			\$175,000	\$175,000
Mānoa	Economic and Policy Research at UHERO			\$480,000	\$480,000
Community Colleges	Pamantasan Council (additional funds)			\$175,000	\$175,000

Campus	Item	Board of Regents		Legislature	
		FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
<b>House Adjustment</b>					
System Admin	I Hoa Nā Mo'olelo			\$179,378	\$179,378
<b>Senate Adjustments</b>					
West O'ahu	3 positions for Henry Giugni Moving Image Archive			\$754,644	\$719,203
Community Colleges	1 APT and Equipment for Water Quality Lab at Maui College			\$125,000	\$125,000
Community Colleges	AI-Based Career Pathways Program			\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Line Item Veto</b>					
Mānoa	General Fund Reduction			\$(785,000)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,895,161</b>	<b>\$38,733,941</b>	<b>\$8,551,480</b>	<b>\$9,830,293</b>

Items in red are non-recurring.

### State Budget – CIP

Campus	Project Description	Board of Regents		Legislature	
		FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$	FY26 \$\$\$	FY27 \$\$\$
System / Mānoa	RIM Projects	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$50,000,000	
Mānoa	Student Housing Services Improvements	\$61,500,000	\$57,000,000	\$30,750,000	\$28,500,000
Mānoa	Assessment & Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000		
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Improvements	\$4,000,000		\$1,702,000	
Mānoa	Athletics Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$9,000,000		\$9,000,000	
Mānoa	PV Rooftop and Canopies and Various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000		
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$5,000,000			
Mānoa	Admin Office & Parking Phase I and II	\$9,000,000			
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$29,625,000	\$22,685,000	\$15,000,000	
Hilo	Puako Marine Education & Research Center, Phase I		\$750,000		
UHWO	RIM Projects	\$6,900,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,500,000	
CCs	Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance	\$37,500,000	\$25,000,000	\$20,000,000	
CCs	Minor CIP	\$37,500,000	\$25,000,000	\$20,000,000	
CCs	Kapi'olani CC - Kaula and Kopiko Renovations for Health Sciences		\$34,800,000		
CCs	Honolulu CC - Technology Renovations, Phase 2	\$32,000,000			
CCs	Maui College - Heona Modernization	\$15,000,000			
CCs	Maui College - Hale Modernization		\$12,000,000		
CCs	Windward CC - Alaka'i Building Renovation		\$15,000,000		
Mānoa	Waimānalo CTAHR CARES center			\$4,000,000	
Mānoa	Magoon Research Station			\$6,000,000	
System	Demolition of Undersea Laboratory Building (Makai Pier)			\$500,000	
System	Project Adjustment Fund			\$4,000	\$4,000
CCs	Kaua'i CC - Student Housing and Faculty/Staff Housing			\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$381,025,000</b>	<b>\$331,235,000</b>	<b>\$178,456,000</b>	<b>\$38,504,000</b>

Legislature also added \$30,750,000 in FY26 and \$28,500,000 in FY27 in revenue bond appropriation for Student Housing

## State Budget – Proviso

### HB 0300 HD1 SD1 CD1 (Act 250)

#### RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

**SECTION 28.** Provided that of the general obligation bond funds and revenue bond funds for UHM Student Housing Services Improvements (UOH100), the sums of \$30,750,000 out of general obligation bond funds, and \$30,750,000 out of revenue bond funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026, and the sums of \$28,500,000 out of general obligation bond funds and \$28,500,000 out of revenue bond funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027, shall be used for planning, design, construction, equipment, and furnishing of improvements for University of Hawai'i at Mānoa student housing services facilities and pedestrian pathways; provided further that students residing in the University of Hawai'i student housing services program with a demonstrated financial need, as determined by the University of Hawai'i, who qualify for the resident tuition fee pursuant to section 304A-402, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, are assisted with a housing allowance, stipend, or similar financial aid to help offset a portion of an increase in room and board costs that are due to increased debt service from said revenue bonds; and provided further that any unexpended and unencumbered balance of the appropriation shall not lapse at the end of fiscal year 2026-2027 and shall lapse instead on June 30, 2030.

**SECTION 38.** After the objectives and purposes of appropriations made in this Act from the general obligation bond fund for capital improvement projects for the university of Hawaii have been met, unrequired balances shall be transferred to the university of Hawaii project adjustment fund appropriated in part II and described in part V of this Act, and shall be considered a supplementary appropriation thereto; provided that all other unrequired allotment balances, unrequired appropriation balances, and unrequired encumbrance balances shall lapse as of June 30, 2028, as provided in section 44 of this Act.

**SECTION 39.** If authorized appropriations specified for university of Hawaii capital improvement projects listed in this Act or in any other act currently authorized by the legislature are insufficient, and where the source of funding for the project is designated as the general obligation bond fund, the governor may make supplemental allotments from the university of Hawaii project adjustment fund appropriated in part II and described in part V of this Act to supplement any currently authorized capital investment project cost elements for the university of Hawaii; provided that such supplemental allotments from the project adjustment fund shall not be used to increase the scope of the project; and provided further that the governor shall submit a report of all uses of this authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027.

**SECTION 49.** If unanticipated federal funding cutbacks diminish or curtail essential, federally-funded state programs, the governor may utilize savings as determined to be available from other state programs for the purpose of maintaining such programs until the next legislative session; provided that the governor shall submit a report of all uses of this authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027.

## House Concurrent Resolutions

### [HCR 28 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY

Introduced by: Holt D Reyes Oda J, Alcos III D  
UH Position: Watched  
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### [HCR 42 HD1](#)

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY

Introduced by: Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Morikawa D, Reyes Oda J, Shimizu G, Takayama G, Ward G  
UH Position: Watched  
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### [HCR 58 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII

Introduced by: Holt D Lowen N, Evslin L, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kusch M, Marten L, Olds I, Shimizu G, Tarnas D  
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### [HCR 96](#)

ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Introduced by: Garrett A, Amato T, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Lamosao R, Marten L, Poepoe M, Takayama G, Tam A  
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### [HCR 130 HD1 SD1](#)

URGING CONGRESS, THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING TO THE INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEES AND HAWAI'I ANT LAB WITHIN THE PACIFIC COOPERATIVE STUDIES UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA

Introduced by: Poepoe M  
UH Position: Support  
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**HCR 183**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY

Introduced by: Yamashita K

UH Position: Support

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## House Resolutions

### [HR 27 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY

Introduced by: Reyes Oda J, Alcos III D  
UH Position: Watched  
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### [HR 36 HD1](#)

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY

Introduced by: Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, La Chica T, Lowen N, Marten L, Matayoshi S, Morikawa D, Reyes Oda J, Shimizu G, Takayama G, Ward G  
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### [HR 54 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII

Introduced by: Lowen N, Evslin L, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kusch M, Marten L, Olds I, Shimizu G, Tarnas D  
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### [HR 66](#)

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS

Introduced by: Woodson J, Amato T, Cochran E, Miyake T, Poepoe M  
UH Position: Support  
Status: March 27, 2025 – Adopted in Final Form

### [HR 67](#)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ASSESS THE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PIPELINE AND CURRICULUM TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY

Introduced by: Ilagan G  
UH Position: Support  
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### [HR 80 HD1](#)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION

**OF ALOHA-BASED CIVIC EDUCATION INITIATIVES IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Introduced by: Kapela J, Amato T, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Kusch M, Lamosao R, Perruso A, Reyes Oda J, Shimizu G, Takayama G  
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**HR 92****ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

Introduced by: Garrett A, Amato T, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Kila D, Lamosao R, Marten L, Poepoe M, Takayama G, Tam A  
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**HR 94****REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH THE HAWAII STATE FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Introduced by: Lee M  
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**HR 100****URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STRENGTHEN FARM-TO-SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

Introduced by: Perruso A, Amato T, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Matsumoto L, Poepoe M, Shimizu G, Ward G  
UH Position: Support  
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**HR 120 HD1****ENCOURAGING THE KAWAIHUELANI CENTER FOR HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO FURTHER PROVIDE LEARNING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

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**HR 121 HD1****REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PRIORITIZE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT "HALAU O KAWAIHUELANI"**

Introduced by: Holt D, Kahaloa K, Keohokapu-Lee Loy S, Lee M, Olds I, Poepoe M, Reyes Oda J  
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**HR 126 HD1**

URGING THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING TO THE INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEES AND HAWAI'I ANT LAB WITHIN THE PACIFIC COOPERATIVE STUDIES UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA

Introduced by: Poepoe M  
UH Position: Support  
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**HR 178**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY

Introduced by: Yamashita K  
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**HR 184 HD1**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A DEMOLITION WASTE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

Introduced by: Lowen N, Amato T, Belatti D, Garrett A, Grandinetti T, Iwamoto K, Kila D, Marten L, Perruso A, Poepoe M  
UH Position: Watched  
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**HR 188 HD2**

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Introduced by: Quinlan S  
UH Position: Comments  
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**HR 189 HD2**

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S, ASSOCIATE, CERTIFICATE, AND OTHER EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS OR PATHWAYS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE

Introduced by: Quinlan S  
UH Position: Comments  
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## Senate Concurrent Resolutions

### SCR 12 SD1 HD1

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J, Aquino H, McKelvey A, Rhoads K

UH Position: Comments

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### SCR 16 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Introduced by: Kanuha D, Chang S, Gabbard M, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, McKelvey A, Richards III H, San Buenaventura J

UH Position: Watched

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### SCR 31 SD1

ENDORING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN

Introduced by: Wakai G, Chang S, Fevella K, Inouye L, Kidani M, Lee C, McKelvey A, Rhoads K, Richards III H, San Buenaventura J

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### SCR 41 SD1

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY

Introduced by: Gabbard M, Chang S, Fevella K, Fukunaga C, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Richards III H

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### SCR 65

URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Introduced by: Wakai G, Aquino H, Fevella K, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Richards III H, San Buenaventura J

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### SCR 70 SD1

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A PHARMACY REIMBURSEMENT WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE AND PROPOSE LEGISLATION FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J  
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**SCR 88**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A MICROBIAL ALGAE SOIL PRODUCTS PILOT PROGRAM

Introduced by: Richards III H, Aquino H, Chang S, DeCorte S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, McKelvey A  
UH Position: Comments  
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**SCR 118 SD1**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE STATE TO UTILIZE FILTERED WATER COLLECTED BY WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Introduced by: Kanuha D, Chang S, Elefante B, Gabbard M, McKelvey A, San Buenaventura J  
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**SCR 121 SD1 HD1**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A TOURISM AND GAMING WORKING GROUP

Introduced by: DeCoite L  
UH Position: Watched  
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**SCR 136 SD1 HD2**

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A NUCLEAR ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGIES IN THE STATE

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, Richards III H, Wakai G  
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**SCR 143 SD1**

URGING ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OR PERSONS HOLDING EQUIVALENT POSITIONS EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, Kim D, Richards III H  
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**SCR 178 SD1**

URGING THE EAST-WEST CENTER TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND SERVE AS A BRIDGE TO HELP THE STATE SHARE ITS UNIQUE EXPERTISE WITH TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, CLEAN ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHERE IT MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL TO OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Introduced by: Lee C  
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**SCR 183**

ENDORISING AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE THROUGH ITS INTEGRATED APPROACH AND SIX AMBITIOUS TARGETS TO BE REACHED BY 2030

Introduced by: Lee C  
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## Senate Resolutions

### SR 8 SD1

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J, Aquino H, McKelvey A, Rhoads K

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### SR 12 SD1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS

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### SR 17 SD1

ENDORING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN

Introduced by: Wakai G, Chang S, Fevella K, Inouye L, Kidani M, Lee C, McKelvey A, Rhoads K, Richards III H, San Buenaventura J

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### SR 25 SD1

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY

Introduced by: Gabbard M, Chang S, Fevella K, Fukunaga C, Hashimoto T, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Richards III H

UH Position: Watched

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### SR 32

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS

Introduced by: Hashimoto T, DeCoite L, Fevella K, Kidani M, McKelvey A

UH Position: Support

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### SR 50

URGING THIS BODY TO ENDORSE THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN AS AN OBSERVER IN URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

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**SR 53 SD1**

REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONVENE A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST POLICIES TO REFORM PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER PRACTICES IN THE STATE TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND FAIRNESS FOR CONSUMERS AND IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR, LOWER DRUG COSTS FOR PATIENT CONSUMERS, AND INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J, Aquino H, Chang S, Elefante B, Gabbard M, Inouye L, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Rhoads K, Richards III H  
UH Position: Support  
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**SR 54 SD1**

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A PHARMACY REIMBURSEMENT WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE AND PROPOSE LEGISLATION FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Introduced by: San Buenaventura J  
UH Position: Watched  
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**SR 71**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A MICROBIAL ALGAE SOIL PRODUCTS PILOT PROGRAM

Introduced by: Richards III H, Aquino H, Chang S, DeCorte S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, McKelvey A  
UH Position: Watched  
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**SR 84 SD1**

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE EXISTENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND OTHER RELATED CHEMICALS

Introduced by: Gabbard M  
UH Position: Watched  
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**SR 99 SD1**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE STATE TO UTILIZE FILTERED WATER COLLECTED BY WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Introduced by: Kanuha D, Chang S, Elefante B, Gabbard M, McKelvey A, San Buenaventura J

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### **SR 115 SD1**

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, Richards III H, Wakai G  
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### **SR 148 SD1**

URGING THE EAST-WEST CENTER TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND SERVE AS A BRIDGE TO HELP THE STATE SHARE ITS UNIQUE EXPERTISE WITH TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, CLEAN ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHERE IT MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL TO OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD

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### **SR 153**

ENDORISING AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE THROUGH ITS INTEGRATED APPROACH AND SIX AMBITIOUS TARGETS TO BE REACHED BY 2030

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### **SR 154**

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOUNDATION

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Elefante B, Inouye L, Richards III H  
UH Position: Watched  
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### **SR 155 SD1**

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Kidani M, Richards III H  
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### **SR 156 SD1**

URGING ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OR PERSONS HOLDING EQUIVALENT

**POSITIONS EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE LAW**

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Chang S, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, Kim D, Richards III H

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**SR 160 SD1**

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT'S USE AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS FUNDS

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D, Aquino H, Elefante B

UH Position: Comments

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**SR 163**

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AND IDENTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH

Introduced by: Kim D, Aquino H, Chang S, Fevella K, Gabbard M, Hashimoto T, Inouye L, Kidani M, McKelvey A, Rhoads K, Richards III H

UH Position: Comments

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**SR 172**

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**SR 173 SD1**

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AND OTHER INNOVATIVE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE

Introduced by: Dela Cruz D

UH Position: Comments

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## Governor's Messages

### [GM 507](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, PAMELA ALCONCEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: May 2, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

### [GM 536](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHILIP BOSSERT, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 8, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

### [GM 543](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, CECILIA WANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 2, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

### [GM 551](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, DALE NISHIKAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 1, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

### [GM 552](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, BLAIR ODO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 1, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

### [GM 553](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY HENNESSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 1, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

### [GM 554](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, LANCE WILHELM, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 1, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

### [GM 558](#)

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kalaelo District), Gubernatorial Nominee, GERALD GORDNER, for a term to expire 06-30-2027. (Term to expire amended to 06-30-2026 by GM640)

Status: April 11, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 568**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, ARIS BANAAG, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 16, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 582**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAY PENNIMAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 11, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 589**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JO-ANN ADAMS, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: March 11, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

**GM 606**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRANDI-LYNN HYDEN, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 14, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 621**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEE SHINSATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 15, 2025 – Withdrawn by the Governor

**GM 624**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA FAUMUINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 683**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEVEN R. TAKETA, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 689**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, MELISSA SOTELO, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Status: April 17, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 700**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE KIMURA, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Status: April 15, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 701**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK REPPUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 11, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 761**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEANNA D'OLIER, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Status: April 17, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 764**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, KYLIE ALARCON, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 765**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, RAY GALAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 766**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, SANDRA LARSEN, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 771**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN KAWAHARA, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 772**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN KAWAHARA, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Status: April 25, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 784**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRENCE GEORGE, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Status: April 30, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

**GM 785**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, WENDY HENSEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Status: April 30, 2025 – Confirmed by the State Senate

## Task Forces, Working and Study Groups

**HB 242 HD1 SD2 CD1 (Act 209)** Establish within the Hawai'i State Energy Office an Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Reuse Working Group, which include a representative from the Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute. *(Lead: UHM-HNEI)*

**HB 250 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 151)** Establish within the State Health Planning and Development Agency the Health Care Appropriateness and Necessity Working Group, which includes a representative from the licensed health care professionals selected by the Center for Nursing. *(Lead: UHM-CTRNUR)*

**SB 742 SD2 HD1 CD1 (Act 154)** Establish within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services a Data Sharing and Governance Working Group, which includes the Executive Director of the Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education and the President of the University of Hawai'i. *(Lead: VPAS)*

**HCR 28 HD1** Amends HR 18, HD1 (2024) to extend to June 30, 2027 the working group addressing issues related to water and air contamination and remediation arising from the operation of the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility. *(Lead: UHM)*

**HCR 58 HD1** Hawai'i State Energy Office is requested to convene a Geothermal Energy Working Group, which includes a representative from the University of Hawai'i Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center. *(Lead: UHM-HIGP)*

**SCR 12 SD1 HD1** University of Hawai'i is requested to convene a task force to study light pollution and dark skies, which includes the President of the University of Hawai'i or President's designee (who is requested to serve as chair of the task force), the Director of the Institute for Astronomy or the Director's designee, a representative from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. *(Lead: UHM-IfA, UHH)*

**SCR 16 SD1** Department of Health is requested to convene a task force to identify and develop minimum professional standards for community health worker training programs, which includes representatives from UHWO and Kapi'olani Community College. *(Lead: UHWO, CC(KapCC))*

**SCR 121 SD1 HD1** Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a Tourism and Gaming Working Group, which includes the Executive Director of the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization or Executive Director's designee. *(UHM-SOCSCI)*

**SCR 136 SD1 HD2** Hawai'i State Energy Office is requested to convene a Nuclear Energy Working Group, which includes a representative from the University of Hawai'i with expertise in nuclear energy, to be appointed by the President of the University of Hawai'i. *(Lead: UHM-HIGP)*

## Comparison on 2024 and 2025 State Legislature

	<u>2024 Session</u>	<u>2025 Session</u>
Number of Bills Introduced / Tracked:	H – 1293 / 304 S – 1385 / 338	H – 1503 / 296 S – 1669 / 387
Number of Bills Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 81 / 178 S – 72 / 115	H – 72 / 212 S – 71 / 142
Number of Bills Passed by the Legislature:	H – 34 S – 34	H – 49 S – 36
Number of Bills Enacted / Vetoed / Overridden:	H – 33 / 3* / 0 S – 32 / 2 / 0	H – 49 / 1** / 0 S – 35 / 1 / 0

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

*\*\*HB300 was enacted as Act 250, but also included line-item vetoes*

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Number of Concurrent Resolutions Introduced / Tracked:	H – 226 / 26 S – 228 / 24	H – 211 / 31 S – 240 / 34
Number of Concurrent Resolutions Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 8 / 12 S – 11 / 14	H – 10 / 17 S – 9 / 18
Number of Concurrent Resolutions Adopted:	H – 6 S – 4	H – 6 S – 12

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Number of Resolutions Introduced / Tracked:	H – 227 / 25 S – 207 / 22	H – 216 / 30 S – 215 / 31
Number of Resolutions Testified / Total Submitted:	H – 8 / 9 S – 8 / 8	H – 10 / 13 S – 7 / 7
Number of Resolutions Adopted:	H – 23 S – 18	H – 16 S – 21

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Number of Governor's Messages Tracked / Testified:	S – 39 / 2	S – 29 / 2
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