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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2024
TIME: 2:00PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 309
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB2044**

HB 1535 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM. Provides scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified students at any four-year University of Hawaii campus who meet certain criteria.	HET, FIN
HB 1779 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Establishes a three-year summer tuition pilot program to provide funding to UH community colleges to offset the costs aligning the resident tuition rates for the summer semester with the resident tuition rates for the spring and fall semesters at the community colleges. Appropriates funds.	HET, FIN



HB 2633 Status	RELATING TO ACCESS TO EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to Leeward community college Waianae Moku to support and assist students who are twenty-four years old or younger and ineligible to apply for federal financial assistance through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid application because they are unable to access their parents' tax information.	HET, FIN
HB 1795 Status	RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE. Establishes a working group within the University of Hawaii to evaluate possibilities for making community college free for Hawaii residents.	HET, FIN
HB 1615 Status	RELATING TO CAMPUS SAFETY. Requires all existing university of Hawaii employees to be provided training on federal laws and UH policies regarding sex discrimination and sexual misconduct by December 31, 2024. Appropriates funds out of the general revenues of the state, rather than the university of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund, for fiscal year 2024-2025 for operating expenses and to establish positions.	HET, FIN
HB 2063 Status	RELATING TO THE ENRICHMENT OF DIVERSITY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM. Establishes and appropriates funds for a three-year pilot program to enrich diversity across the University of Hawaii System.	HET, FIN
HB 1676 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii to fulfill the requirements of Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.	HET, FIN
HB 2177 Status	RELATING TO MENSTRUAL EQUITY. Requires the University of Hawaii to provide menstrual products free of charge to all students on all campuses, including community colleges and education centers.	HET, FIN
HB 1677 Status	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TUITION AND FEES SPECIAL FUND. Specifies conditions for exemptions for the University of Hawaii from sections 87A-39(a) and 88-125(a), HRS. Amends the formulation of general fund budget appropriation in proportion to the amount of regular tuition and related fee revenues estimated for the respective fiscal year.	HET, FIN
HB 2044 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE. Establishes the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to applicants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State. Establishes the Broadband and Digital Equity Special Fund.	HET, CPC, FIN



[HB 1788](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. HET, FIN
Adds a cap for the amount of tax credits for research activities that an eligible taxpayer and the taxpayer's related entities may receive per taxable year. Consolidates the survey and certification requirements for tax credits for research activities. Amends the annual aggregate cap on tax credits for research activities that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may certify. Requires certification of the tax credits for research activities on a first-come, first-served basis to be based on the date that a complete application is received, subject to certain conditions. Extends from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2029, the sunset date for tax credits for research activities.

[HB 2684](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO. HET, FIN
Establishes the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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Chair

