

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

CITY FINANCIAL TOWER
201 MERCHANT STREET, SUITE 1200
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Trustees present: Mr. Bennett Yap, Chair (re-elected)
(by teleconference) Dr. Genevieve Ley, Vice Chair (elected)
Mr. Lance Mizumoto

Trustee absent: Mr. Luis Salaveria

Staff present: Mr. Thomas Williams, Executive Director
(City Financial Tower Ms. Kanoe Margol, Deputy Executive Director
by teleconference) Mr. Bart Asato, Program Specialist
Mr. James Greubel, Program Specialist
Ms. Shanna Sakagawa, Program Specialist
Ms. Dale Kehau Kanae, Recording Secretary
Ms. Lori Kim, Secretary
Ms. Andrea Gasper, Secretary

Attorney present: Ms. Jenny Nakamoto, Deputy Attorney General
(by teleconference) Ms. Lori Tanigawa, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Elmira Tsang, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Diane Wong, Deputy Attorney General

QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present (Chair Yap, Trustees Ley and Mizumoto), Chair Yap called the meeting of the Legislative Committee (Committee) of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (ERS) to order at 2:00 p.m. and requested each Trustee identify themselves and confirm that they are the only ones present at their remote location while attending the meeting. Each of the Trustees present confirmed same. Chair Yap reminded the Committee to please be sure that they are visible on their video cameras and that they remain on while the meeting is in session.

On a motion made by Trustee Ley, seconded by Trustee Mizumoto, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to hold a meeting allowing Trustees and members of the public to participate by interactive conference technology, pursuant to HRS §92-3.7, with at least one meeting location open to the public that has audiovisual connection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Yap called for public comment. There was no public attending in person or by teleconference, therefore, there was no public comment. There was also no written public testimony received for this Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION AND
ELECTION OF CHAIR AND
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Acting Chair Yap asked the Committee for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee. Trustee Ley nominated Acting Chair Yap to remain as Chair and Trustee Mizumoto nominated Trustee

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Ley as Vice Chair.

On a motion made by Trustee Ley, seconded by Trustee Mizumoto, and unanimously carried, the Committee elected Chair Yap to continue as Chair of the Legislative Committee.

On a motion made by Trustee Mizumoto, seconded by Chair Yap, and unanimously carried, the Committee elected Trustee Ley as Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER TO INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT, AND REVIEW OF PRIOR YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Chair Yap presented for review, discussion, and approval by the Committee, the Legislative Committee Charter to Include Legislative Committee Performance Assessment.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Ley, seconded by Trustee Mizumoto, and unanimously carried, the Committee accepted the Legislative Committee Charter and Performance Assessment and will be presenting it for acceptance by the Governance Policy Committee and then for final approval by the Board. (The Charter is attached to these minutes for clarification.)

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Program Specialist (PS) Asato presented and discussed with the Committee the Legislative Proposals Relating to the Employees' Retirement System for the 2024 Legislative Session and reviewed the list of ERS Initiated, Investment Related, Membership and Benefits Related, and Miscellaneous 2024 Legislative Bills, as well as ERS's positions on each Bill.

After review and discussion of the list of Bills, the Committee requested a change to the following ERS Position:

Membership & Benefits Related

- HB 1947, Relating to the Employees' Retirement System. Change from Provide Comments to SUPPORT.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Ley, seconded by Trustee Mizumoto, and unanimously carried, the Committee accepted and reaffirmed the ERS Initiated, Investment, Membership and Benefits Related, and Miscellaneous Related 2024 Legislative Bills that included recommended positions to be taken by the Board with changes as noted, and will be presented to the Board for approval. (The lists presented are attached, with changes, to these minutes for clarification.)

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

Chair Yap presented for discussion with the Committee the Potential Legislative Proposals Relating to the Employees' Retirement System for Future Legislation. The Committee had no Potential Legislative Proposals for Future Legislation Relating to the Employees' Retirement System.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Yap called for public comment. There was no public present by teleconference or in person, therefore, no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 28, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Mizumoto, seconded by Vice Chair Ley, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes of the August 28, 2023, meeting as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Mizumoto, seconded by Vice Chair Ley, and unanimously carried, Chair Yap adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

REDACTED SIGNATURE

Thomas Williams
Executive Director

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Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARTER

I. PURPOSE

The Legislative Committee (“Committee”) of the Employees’ Retirement System (“ERS”) of the State of Hawaii is a committee of the Board of Trustees (“Board”). Its primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary oversight responsibilities by reviewing and advising on recommendations on proposed legislation.

II. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) trustees. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. The members of the Committee shall be appointed for a one-year term and shall serve for such term or terms as the Board may determine or until earlier resignation. The Board may remove any member from the Committee at any time with or without cause.

III. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least one (1) time a year at such times and places as it deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The Committee shall report regularly to the Board regarding its actions and make recommendations to the Board as appropriate. The Committee may invite such members of management and advisors to its meetings as it deems appropriate. The Committee shall review this Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

IV. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The members of the Committee shall elect its Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.



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The Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities regarding ERS Legislation:

- To review and approve annually the ERS's goals and objectives applicable to the legislative process.
- To review proposed legislation introduced by the ERS and by other parties, and to assign and provide direction for the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director on priorities and actions to successfully support the legislative goals and responsibilities of the ERS.
- To recommend support or opposition of proposed legislation to the full Board for its consideration.

V. OUTSIDE ADVISORS

The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to obtain the advice of any ERS consultant or ERS service provider as necessary to assist with the execution of its duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Charter. The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to obtain the advice and assistance of ERS's legal counsel and such other advisors as it deems necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this Charter. The Committee shall not be required to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of its consultant, legal counsel or other advisor to the Committee, and the authority granted in this Charter shall not affect the ability or obligation of the Committee to exercise its own judgment in fulfillment of its duties under this Charter. The consultant(s), outside counsel and any other advisors retained by, or providing advice to, the Committee (other than the ERS's in-house counsel) shall be independent as determined in the discretion of the Committee.



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VI. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Committee shall conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of its duties under this charter and shall present the results of the evaluation to the Board. The Committee shall conduct this evaluation in such manner as it deems appropriate.

Adopted and Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 13, 2017, August 10, 2020, April 11, 2022, March 13, 2023, March 11, 2024

Accepted by the Governance Policy Committee: March 28, 2022, March 7, 2023

Revised and Accepted by the Legislative Committee: August 10, 2020, February 7, 2022, January 31, 2023, February 2, 2024

| ERS Initiated as of 1/30/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| # | Bill No | Subject | Title | Summary | Status as of 1/30/2024 | Introducer(s) | Refer | Comp | Active or Dead | ERS Position |
| 1 | HB2381 | ERS; Funding Period | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD. | Lowering the Employees' Retirement System's funding period to amortize the System's total unfunded accrued liability. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO, FIN | SB3070 | active | Support |
| 2 | HB2382 | Employees' Retirement System; Service-Connected Disability; Accidental Death | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Clarifies the Employees' Retirement System's eligibility requirement definitions for service-connected disability and accidental death benefits. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO, FIN | SB3071 | active | Support |
| 3 | HB2385 | ERS; Personnel; Civil Service; Exemption | RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PERSONNEL. | Amends section 76-16(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to exempt the Deputy Executive Director, Chief Compliance Officer, and branch managers of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii from civil service. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO, FIN | SB3074 | active | Support |
| 4 | SB3070 | ERS; Funding Period | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD. | Lowering the Employees' Retirement System's funding period to amortize the System's total unfunded accrued liability. | S 1/26/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT, WAM | HB2381 | active | Support |
| 5 | SB3071 | Employees' Retirement System; Service-Connected Disability; Accidental Death | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Clarifies the Employees' Retirement System's eligibility requirement definitions for service-connected disability and accidental death benefits. | S 1/26/2024: Referred to LBT, JDC/WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT, JDC/WAM | HB2382 | active | Support |
| 6 | SB3074 | ERS; Personnel; Civil Service; Exemption | RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PERSONNEL. | Amends section 76-16(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to exempt the Deputy Executive Director, Chief Compliance Officer, and branch managers of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii from civil service. | S 1/26/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT, WAM | HB2385 | active | Support |

| Investment Related as of 1/30/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 | SB2388 | ERS; Russia Divestment; Belarus Divestment; Russo-Ukrainian War | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Prohibits the Employees' Retirement System from acquiring securities of companies that have active business operations with Russia or Belarus. | S 1/22/2024: Referred to LBT/TCA, WAM/JDC. | RHOADS | LBT/TCA, WAM/JDC | none | active | Oppose |

| Membership & Benefits Related as of 1/30/2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 8 | HB1644 | Employees' Retirement System; Overtime; Compensation; Definition | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | For members of the Employees' Retirement System hired after July 1, 2012, includes overtime in the definition of compensation when an employee has been directed by their supervisor or an appropriate authority to work more than their normal hours of service to perform specific duties and tasks related to an active emergency proclamation. | H 1/29/2024: Bill scheduled to be heard by LGO on Thursday, 02-01-24 9:00AM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE. | MATAYOSHI, GARRETT | LGO, FIN | none | active | Oppose |

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| 9 | HB1850 | City and County of Honolulu Package; ERS; Retirement; Government Employees | RELATING TO VESTING IN THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Amends the vesting period to 5 years for tier 2 government employees of the Employees' Retirement System who are in service on the effective date of the Act or return to service after the effective date of the Act, and for employees who become a member on or after the effective date of the Act. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 1 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO, FIN | SB2220 | active | Provide Comments |
| 10 | HB1947 | Public Employees; Employees' Retirement System; Credited Service; Retirement; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Reduces the minimum number of years of credited service from ten years to five years qualified Tier 2 employee's retirement system members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes. Appropriates funds. | H 1/29/2024: Bill scheduled to be heard by LGO on Thursday, 02-01-24 9:00AM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE. | MATAYOSHI, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, KOBAYASHI, LA CHICA, MARTEN, MIYAKE, NISHIMOTO, PERRUSO, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS | LGO, FIN | none | active | Provide Comments Support |
| 11 | HB2198 | Collective Bargaining; Retirement Benefits | RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. | Allows public employee organizations to negotiate retirement benefits. | H 1/26/2024: Bill scheduled to be heard by LGO on Tuesday, 01-30-24 9:30AM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE. | GARRETT, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, KILA, LOWEN, MARTEN, MIYAKE, TAKENOUCHI, TAM | LGO, JHA, FIN | none | active | Oppose |
| 12 | HB2200 | Student Loan Forgiveness; Elder; UH; ERS; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded | RELATING TO STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR THE ELDERLY. | Establishes a student loan forgiveness program within the University of Hawaii to forgive outstanding student loans of elders who have graduated from an institution of higher education in the United States and have worked for at least 10 years in public service. Requires the Employees' Retirement System to assist applicants with demonstrating proof of public employment. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to HET, LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | GARRETT (Introduced by request of another party) | HET, LGO, FIN | none | active | Oppose |
| 13 | HB2395 | Militia; National Guard; Employees' Retirement System | RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. | Exempts Hawaii National Guard service members activated by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative to state active duty from enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO/CMV, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO/CMV, FIN | SB3084 | active | Provide Comments |
| 14 | HB2410 | ERS; Credited Service; Benefits | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Reduces the minimum number of years of credited service qualified Tier 2 Employees' Retirement System members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes from ten years to five years. Appropriates funds for investments of the ERS. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | LGO, FIN | SB3099 | active | Support |

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| 15 | HB2595 | Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Pension and Retirement Systems; Law Enforcement Employees | RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS. | Amends chapter 88, HRS, to include new definitions for certain law enforcement administrators and employees established in Act 278, SLH 2022, as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | HASHEM | LGO, FIN | SB2846 | active | Provide Comments |
| 16 | SB2220 | City and County of Honolulu Package; ERS; Retirement; Government Employees | RELATING TO VESTING IN THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Amends the vesting period to 5 years for tier 2 government employees of the Employees' Retirement System who are in service on the effective date of the Act or return to service after the effective date of the Act, and for employees who become a member on or after the effective date of the Act. | S 1/18/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT, WAM | HB1850 | active | Provide Comments |
| 17 | SB2398 | Employees' Retirement System Benefits; Retirement Benefits; Felony Conviction; Forfeiture | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Authorizes a court to order the forfeiture of all of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) benefits of an ERS member, former member, or retirant upon conviction of the individual for a felony related to the state or county employment of the individual. | S 1/22/2024: Referred to LBT, JDC/WAM. | DECOITE, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, RICHARDS, San Buenaventura | LBT, JDC/WAM | none | active | Provide Comments |
| 18 | SB2494 | ERS; Police Officers; Retirement; Medical Coverage; Minimum Age; Years of Credited Service | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Provides police officers who become members of the Employees' Retirement System after 6/30/2023 with retirement benefits similar to those provided for members of the Employees' Retirement System who became members before 7/1/2012, including but not limited to calculation of retirement allowance, minimum age or years of credited service requirements, and vesting period. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to PSM/LBT, WAM. | DECOITE, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, RICHARDS, McKelvey | PSM/LBT, WAM | none | active | Oppose |
| 19 | SB2608 | ERS; Public Employment; Pension Calculation; Overtime | RELATING TO PENSION CALCULATIONS. | Includes overtime pay earned during an emergency proclamation as part of the pension calculation for individuals who became a member of the Employees' Retirement System after 6/30/2012. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | AQUINO | LBT, WAM | none | active | Oppose |
| 20 | SB2716 | Collective Bargaining; Retirement Benefits. | RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. | Allows retirement benefits to be negotiated during collective bargaining negotiations. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, Kidani, San Buenaventura | LBT, WAM | none | active | Oppose |
| 21 | SB2846 | Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Pension and Retirement Systems; Law Enforcement Employees | RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS. | Amends chapter 88, HRS, to include new definitions for certain law enforcement administrators and employees established in Act 278, SLH 2022, as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to PSM/LBT, WAM. | WAKAI, FEVELLA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY | PSM/LBT, WAM | HB2595 | active | Provide Comments |

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| 22 | SB2871 | ERS; Retirement; Sheriff; Deputy Sheriff; Police Officer | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Authorizes a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer to retire after twenty-five years of service and receive employment benefits through the Employees' Retirement System. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to LBT/PSM, WAM. | MCKELVEY (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT/PSM, WAM | none | active | Oppose |
| 23 | SB3084 | Militia; National Guard; Employees' Retirement System | RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. | Exempts Hawaii National Guard service members activated by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative to state active duty from enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii. | S 1/26/2024: Referred to PSM/LBT, WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | PSM/LBT, WAM | HB2395 | active | Provide Comments |
| 24 | SB3099 | ERS; Credited Service; Benefits | RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. | Reduces the minimum number of years of credited service qualified Tier 2 Employees' Retirement System members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes from ten years to five years. Appropriates funds for investments of the ERS. | S 1/26/2024: Referred to LBT, WAM. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | LBT, WAM | HB2410 | active | Support |

| Miscellaneous as of 1/30/2024 (removed companion bills) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 25 | HB1598 | Sunshine Law; Board Packet; Public Inspection; Notice; Testimony | RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW. | Establishes that board packets shall be made available for public inspection no later than two business days, rather than forty-eight hours, before a board meeting. Clarifies that public testimony may be submitted to the board before the meeting. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 | TARNAS, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, PERRUSO, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, Kobayashi | JHA | none | active | Monitor |
| 26 | HB1599 | Public Meetings; Remote Testimony; Visibility | RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW. | Requires public meeting notices to inform members of the public how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 | TARNAS, BELATTI, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, Amato, Kobayashi, Morikawa | JHA | none | active | Monitor |
| 27 | HB1600 | Sunshine Law; Permitted Interaction Groups; Scheduling; Open Meetings | RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS. | Requires that a board may only schedule a meeting for discussion and decisionmaking on a report by an investigative group six days after the investigative group has made a report of its findings to the board. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 | TARNAS, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAM | JHA | none | active | Monitor |
| 28 | HB1800 | State Budget | RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. | Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to FIN, referral sheet 1 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | FIN | SB2234 | active | Monitor |

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| 29 | HB1832 | State Departments; Department of Human Resources Development; Civil Service; Minimum Qualification Review | RELATING TO HIRING. | Authorizes a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies under certain circumstances. | H 1/29/2024: Bill scheduled to be heard by LGO on Thursday, 02-01-24 9:00AM in House conference room 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE. | SAIKI, AIU, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GANADEN, GARRETT, GATES, HASHEM, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, ICHiyAMA, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KOBAYASHI, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MARTINEZ, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, M. MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, ONISHI, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD, WOODSON, Yamashita | LGO, FIN | SB3007 | active | Monitor |
| 30 | HB1858 | Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Meetings; Supplemental Information | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Provides that supplemental information received within 48 hours of a meeting of a board subject to state opening meetings law may be added to the board packet; provided that the public is promptly provided access to the supplemental information. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | JHA | SB2198 | active | Monitor |
| 31 | HB1859 | Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Closed Meetings; Training | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Authorizes any board that is subject to state open meetings law to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of providing training to new and current board members. | H 1/24/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | JHA | SB2199 | active | Monitor |
| 32 | HB2211 | Salaries; Employees; Executive Branch; Limitation | RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. | Prohibits a board or commission from authorizing a base salary for a position and prohibits an employee from receiving a base salary, in excess of the amount designated in the budget enacted by the Legislature or other legislative enactment, unless approved by the Legislature. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | AIU, KILA, MIYAKE | LGO, FIN | SB2599 | active | Monitor |

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| 33 | HB2320 | Public Servants; Public Officials; Government Records; Public Records; Personal Information; Disclosure; Prohibition; Criminal Offense; Unlawful Publication of Personal Information | RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS. | Exempts certain personal information of public servants from government records that are subject to disclosure under the State's Uniform Information Practices Act. Establishes within the State's Address Confidentiality Program protection for public servants that prohibits upon written request from the public servant or representative any person or organization from disclosing certain personal information. Establishes the offense of unlawful publication of personal information that prohibits any person or organization from knowingly disclosing protected personal information of public officials with the intent to cause reputational harm, emotional injury, or bodily injury. Takes effect 9/1/2024. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to JHA/CPC, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI | JHA/CPC | SB2686 | active | Support (written only) |
| 34 | HB2482 | Sunshine Law; Public Meetings; Public Notice | RELATING TO MEETING NOTICES. | Mandates the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and deletes the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to JHA, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party) | JHA, FIN | SB3171 | active | Monitor |
| 35 | HB2519 | EUTF; Board of Trustees; Composition; Quorum; Voting | RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES. | Amends the composition of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund board of trustees. Clarifies vacancy procedures. Amends quorum requirements and voting powers. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to LGO, FIN, referral sheet 3 | SAIKI | LGO, FIN | SB2530 | active | Monitor |
| 36 | HB2625 | Administrative Procedure; Contested Cases; Vexatious Litigants | RELATING TO CONTESTED CASES. | Clarifies that a contested case hearing is not required when an identical or substantially similar administrative matter has been finally adjudicated. Includes administrative contested case proceedings within the scope of the vexatious litigant statute. | H 1/26/2024: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 3 | TARNAS | JHA | none | active | Monitor |
| 37 | SB2116 | Interactive Conference Technology; Remote Participation; Live Broadcast; Boards and Commissions | RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS. | Requires boards to use interactive conference technology to remotely conduct public meetings in conjunction with in-person meetings that allow for public participation. Requires boards to archive minutes of meetings on their websites. | S 1/26/2024: The committee(s) on GVO has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-24 3:00PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference. | KEOHOKALOLE, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, San Buenaventura, Wakai | GVO, JDC/WAM | none | active | Monitor |
| 38 | SB2172 | Boards; Commissions; Absence of Chairperson; Assumption of Duties | RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. | Establishes the priority of who may assume the authority and duties of a chairperson of a board or commission in the chairperson's and all co-chairperson's absence at a hearing or meeting of a board or commission. Prohibits staff members from assuming the authority and duties of the chairperson of a board or commission. | S 1/26/2024: The committee(s) on GVO has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-24 3:00PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference. | INOUYE, CHANG, FEVELLA, Kim | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |

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| 39 | SB2292 | Boards and Commissions; Ex Officio Members; Advice and Consent; Senate | RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. | Clarifies that the procedures for selecting members of boards and commissions also apply to ex officio members. | S 1/26/2024: The committee(s) on GVO has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-24 3:00PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference. | DELA CRUZ | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 40 | SB2379 | Judiciary Package; Safety; Public Servants; Personal Information | RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS. | Prohibits government agencies, persons, and organizations from publicly disclosing the personal information of certain public servants and their families upon receiving a written request. Establishes a misdemeanor offense for individuals who post personal information on the Internet in reckless disregard of the risk of harm to certain public servants and their families. Authorizes the display of personal information that is relevant to and displayed as part of a news story, commentary, editorial, or other speech on a matter of public concern. Effective 1/1/2025. | S 1/22/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | GVO, JDC | none | active | Support (written only) |
| 41 | SB2506 | EUTF; Board of Trustees; Quorum | RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND. | Decreases the number of board members of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund from 10 trustees to 9. Changes the composition of board members to include 2 citizens of the State who are not employees, among other things. Limits the trustee's service after the end of the term to until the trustee's successor is appointed or 120 days after the trustee's term ends, whichever comes first. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to LBT/GVO, WAM. | DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI | LBT/GVO, WAM | none | active | Monitor |
| 42 | SB2517 | Public Agency Meetings and Records; Sunshine Law; Executive Session; Personnel; Voting; Hiring; Officers; Employees | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Required that heads of agencies that require board appointments be made through a publicly established process and timeline. Requires that a vote by a public agency board to hire an officer or employee be conducted in an open meeting. | S 1/26/2024: The committee(s) on GVO has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-24 3:00PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference. | DELA CRUZ | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 43 | SB2597 | Boards; Commissions; Holdover Member; Limitation | RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. | Clarifies that the prohibition against board and commission holdover members from holding office beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office takes precedence over any conflicting statutes. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | KIM, CHANG, WAKAI | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 44 | SB2636 | Boards; Remote Testifiers; Remote Testimony; Removal | RELATING TO REMOTE MEETINGS. | Requires a board to offer remote testifiers an option to be seen and heard by the board and the public when offering remote testimony. Authorizes a board to remove or block any persons who intentionally disrupt or compromise the conduct of a meeting. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to GVO/LBT, JDC. | IHARA | GVO/LBT, JDC | none | active | Monitor |

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| 45 | SB2637 | Public Agency Meetings; Reports; Sunshine Law | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Clarifies that the third meeting of public agency meetings must occur not less than six calendar days after the second. | S 1/26/2024: The committee(s) on GVO has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-24 3:00PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference. | IHARA | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 46 | SB2638 | Board Packets; Public Inspection; Timeframe; Public Testimony | RELATING TO BOARD PACKETS. | Requires boards to make available for public inspection board packets, if created, at the time the board packet is distributed to the board members but no later than two business days before the meeting. Carves out an exception by allowing public testimony to be distributed to board members within two business days before the meeting. | S 1/29/2024: The committee(s) on JDC has scheduled a public hearing on 02-02-24 10:00AM; Conference Room 016 & Videoconference. | IHARA | JDC, WAM | none | active | Monitor |
| 47 | SB2639 | OIP; UIPA; Sunshine Law; Public Appeal | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Updates the enforcement mechanisms for the Uniform Information Practices Act and the Sunshine Law. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | IHARA | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 48 | SB2830 | Sunshine Law; Open Meetings; Policymaking Groups; Definitions | RELATING TO MEETINGS. | Amends the definitions of "board", "board business", and "meeting" within state open meetings law to expand the scope of the law to include state and county policymaking groups, including groups created by emergency proclamations. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | MCKELVEY | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |
| 49 | SB2844 | Uniform Information Practices Act; Critical Infrastructure Information | RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT. | Excludes critical infrastructure information from disclosure requirements under the Uniform Information Practices Act. | S 1/24/2024: Referred to PSM, JDC. | WAKAI, FEVELLA, KIDANI, San Buenaventura | PSM, JDC | none | active | Support |
| 50 | SB3203 | Sunshine Law; Legislative Intent; Boards; Definitions; Permitted Interactions; Limited Meetings; Board Packets; Minutes; Exceptions | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS. | Enables boards to operate more effectively by amending sections of the Sunshine Law pertaining to the declaration of policy and intent, permitted interactions of members, limited meetings, executive meetings, exceptions, board packets, and minutes. Amends the definition of the term "meeting". | S 1/29/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party) | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |

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| 51 | SB3307 | OIP; Public Agency Meetings; Sunshine Law; Exemption; Trusted Public Representatives; Report | RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS. | Requires the Director of the Office of Information Practices to adopt rules to establish a process for the selection and appointment of trusted public representatives. Allows the Director of the Office of Information Practices to assign trusted public representatives to observe board meetings closed to the public. Requires the Director of the Office of Information Practices to include in the Director's annual report the activities of trusted public representatives. Requires trusted public representatives to submit a confidential report to the Director of the Office of Information Practices that a board meeting was conducted in conformance with chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Defines "trusted public representative". Allows boards to hold certain meetings closed to the public if a trusted public representative is assigned to the meeting by the Director of the Office of Information Practices and is present at the meeting. | S 1/29/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC. | IHARA | GVO, JDC | none | active | Monitor |