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Legislative Committee Meeting

May 5, 2026

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

AGENCY: Legislative Committee of the Board of Trustees of the
Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Financial Tower, 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1550, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to HRS §92-3.7, under which Members of the Legislative Committee of the Board of Trustees and members of the public may participate via interactive conference technology or in person at the meeting place stated above.

Members of the public may provide testimony in person or by teleconference, either audio or video, at the following link or phone number:

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Individuals testifying at the meeting are requested to limit their testimony to three (3) minutes or an amount of time otherwise designated by the Chairperson.

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In the event audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with participating Trustees and quorum is lost, the meeting shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes, during which time, an attempt to restore audiovisual communication will be made. If such attempt is unsuccessful, all Trustees, members of the public, staff and other interested individuals may continue to participate in the meeting via telephone using the above-listed telephone and conference ID numbers, whereby audio-only communication will be established for all participants and the meeting will continue. If reconvening the meeting is not possible because neither audiovisual nor audio-only communication can be re-established, the meeting will be terminated.

AGENDA

QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may provide in-person testimony at the meeting or, alternatively, may submit written testimony in advance on these agenda items via e-mail or postal mail with receipt recommended by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, in order to ensure it is distributed in time for consideration. Please address written testimony if by e-mail to: dale.kanae@hawaii.gov or by postal mail to: Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii, Legislative Committee, 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update and Discuss the 2026 Legislative Bills Which May Impact the Employees' Retirement System, a list of which is attached hereto as Schedule A.
2. Identify and Discuss Potential Legislative Proposals Determined to be Necessary or Desirable for the System's Investments, Administration, and/or Operations.

Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), the Committee may enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to these matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

If you require auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Dale Kehau Kanae at (808) 586-1706 or dale.kanae@hawaii.gov as soon as possible, preferably by Thursday, April 30, 2026, and the ERS will try to obtain the auxiliary aid/service or accommodation, but cannot guarantee that the request will be fulfilled.

Upon request, this notice can be made available in large print.

Attachment
Schedule A

Schedule A

#	Bill Number(s)	Bill Title	Bill Summary
1	GM634	Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, Gubernatorial Nominee, DARLENE BLAKENEY, for a term to expire 01-01-2032.
2	HB214 HD1 SD2	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits under the System or the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund if the retirant is employed in a position needed for succession planning, as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a resource officer, as an investigator, or in a management position excluded from collective bargaining, subject to certain conditions. Requires the director of human resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. (SD2)
3	HB1183 HD3	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)
4	HB1521 HD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.	Requires contractors performing an agency function to retain records related to the performance of that function and provide agencies with access to those records. Deems the records to be government records under the Uniform Information Practices Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
5	HB1528 HD1	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. (HD1)
6	HB1529	RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	Reduces the quorum requirement for boards and commissions to a majority of current voting members of a board or commission. Reduces the number of affirmative votes needed to validate action of a board or commission to a majority of members voting at a meeting with quorum.

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#	Bill Number(s)	Bill Title	Bill Summary
7	HB1607 HD1	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.	Permanently establishes the Small Business Procurement Program and Small Business Procurement Coordinator position within the State Procurement Office. Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating contracts awarded by competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria. Establishes a special fund and requires the Small Business Procurement Coordinator to establish rules and policies, effective 1/1/2029, requiring small businesses to commit to contributing 0.2 per cent of state contract awards to the special fund. Repeals the Small Business Assistance Initiative established in Act 168, SLH 2022. Appropriates funds for the Small Business Procurement Coordinator. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
8	HB1655 HD1	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
9	HB1657	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Authorizes state departments, divisions, and agencies to elect to assume hiring and recruitment functions from the Department of Human Resources Development for vacant civil service positions within that department, division, or agency under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to adopt rules. Repeals existing law authorizing state departments, divisions, and agencies to conduct minimum qualification review of applicants for their vacant civil service positions.
10	HB1662	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.
11	HB1800 HD1 SD1	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025 2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. (SD1)
12	HB1809	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the State and counties to temporarily rehire retired public employees to fill positions identified as unique and critical to government operations.
13	HB1999	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings.
14	HB2080	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations. Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to 4 years.

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15	HB2106 HD1	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.	Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements. Effective 7/1/2027. (HD1)
16	HB2172 HD2 SD1	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)
17	HB2277	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for a specified group of employees to ensure the unfunded accrued liability of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii does not exceed the maximum funding period.
18	HB2278	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements.
19	HB2358 HD2	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Includes the Chief Investigator and Chief Special Investigator of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement system. Establishes guidance for the computation of retirement benefits for the Adjutant General, Deputy Adjutant General, Fire Marshal, and Deputy Fire Marshal. (HD2)
20	HB2359 HD1	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
21	HB2527	RELATING TO MILITARY BENEFITS.	Repeals portions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that confer special benefits, protections, privileges, or entitlements to members of the United States armed forces in the State in the event that the United States government or any agency or entity of the United States government commences condemnation proceedings of any land or interest in land owned or held by the State.

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22	SB99 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a school resource officer as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill positions, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
23	SB731	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows a retirant employed as an investigator identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position to be rehired without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without a loss or interruption of retirement benefits, subject to certain conditions. Requires annual reports to the Legislature to include details on the employment of retirants as investigators.
24	SB2014 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Requires the Director of Human Resources Development to abolish vacant positions within state departments and agencies under its jurisdiction that have been vacant for more than 5 years with certain exceptions. Requires funds for abolished positions to immediately lapse to the credit of the appropriate fund. Requires a list of positions abolished to be included in the Director's annual report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
25	SB2075 SD1 HD2	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.	Requires purchasing agencies to apply a five per cent flat rate local preference in evaluating bids or proposals from qualified Hawaii bidders or offerors who submit a timely preference certification. Establishes criteria for a bid or proposal to qualify for a local preference. Establishes requirements for the qualification and certification of Hawaii bidders and offerors and consequences for failure to maintain qualification. Requires the Procurement Policy Board to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2525. (HD2)

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26	SB2137 SD1	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Beginning 7/1/2027, authorizes state departments, divisions, and agencies to elect to assume hiring and recruitment functions from the Department of Human Resources Development for vacant civil service positions within that department, division, or agency under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to adopt rules. Repeals existing law authorizing state departments, divisions, and agencies to conduct minimum qualification review of applicants for their vacant civil service positions. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)
27	SB2141	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.
28	SB2152 SD2 HD1	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
29	SB2246 SD1 HD2	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.	Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements. Makes technical, conforming amendments to disclosure provisions applicable to legislators. Clarifies that an amount of stock may be reported by the value or number of shares. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)
30	SB2312 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.	Amends the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) to require contractors who perform agency functions to retain records following the retention schedule of the agency and to provide the agency access to the records upon request. Establishes that all records retained by an agency function contractor shall be deemed government records for the purposes of the UIPA. Exempts contracts entered into by the Employees' Retirement System. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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#	Bill Number(s)	Bill Title	Bill Summary
31	SB2380	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.	Establishes a continuous Legislature beginning in January 2031. Defines each regular session to be two calendar years. Requires the Legislature to convene on the first and third weeks of each month except for two months before a general or primary election. Repeals language regarding special sessions, adjournment, and recesses. Establishes procedures for the carry-over of bills from the first to the second year of a regular session. Establishes deadlines for certain bills to be submitted for gubernatorial consideration. Standardizes the number of days that the Governor must approve or veto a bill submitted for consideration. Repeals the Governor's ability to appoint an interim position if a vacancy occurs while the Senate is not in session. Establishes salaries of the members of the Legislature pursuant to recommendations by the Commission on Salaries submitted during the 2030 regular session, unless those recommendations are amended by law.
32	SB2388	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits.
33	SB2449	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Defines "business day" as used in Part I of Chapter 92, HRS, governing public meetings. Clarifies that board packets, if created, shall be made available for public inspection in the board's office during regular business hours, no later than three full business days before the public meeting. Defines "regular business hours".
34	SB2500	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.
35	SB2526 SD1	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations. Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to four years. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)
36	SB2555 SD1	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits if the retirant is employed in a position identified as one needed for succession planning. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)
37	SB2606	RELATING TO WILDLIFE.	Establishes the Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife Sanctuary Corporation.

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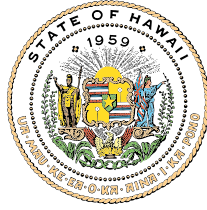
#	Bill Number(s)	Bill Title	Bill Summary
38	SB2662 SD2	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.	Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Compliance Audit Unit within the Office of the Auditor to conduct regular audits of agency consultant contracts to assess cost-effectiveness and compliance. Establishes exceptions. Requires each chief procurement officer to ensure that inherent government functions are not delegated to a contractor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)
39	SB2672 SD1	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)
40	SB2832	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Provides elective officers with the choice to be members of the Employees' Retirement System after each election. Repeals the condition that a choice to be excluded from the Employees' Retirement System is irrevocable and such choice may only be made once.
41	SB2836	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a 5-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions.
42	SB2849 SD2	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings, where applicable. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)
43	SB2872 SD1	RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.	Repeals the requirement that retirants rehired as teachers or administrators serve in a teacher shortage area identified by the Department of Education. Requires retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 as teachers or administrators in Department or charter schools to be paid the entry level salary for the teacher or administrator position as negotiated in the collective bargaining unit contract. Prohibits retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 from receiving additional employment benefits. Requires the DOE to adopt rules. (SD1)
44	SB2881 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX.	Provides that taxable income subject to reporting as distribution on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R may be subject to withholding at the taxpayer's election. Requires the Department of Taxation to adopt rules and prescribe forms. Applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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45	SB3096 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contribution rate for normal cost and accrued liability for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers to ensure that the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability of the State's Employees' Retirement System does not exceed the maximum funding period. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
46	SB3097 SD1 HD1 CD1	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements. (CD1)
47	SB3180 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
48	SB3230 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.	Authorizes governmental bodies and public employees to procure project management services through non-governmental third-party contracts under certain conditions. Appropriates funds to establish a Special Project Branch within the Public Works Division of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
49	SB3253 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO CONSERVATION.	Establishes the Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary as a nonprofit entity to protect and expand populations of endangered species and other native wildlife in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
50	SB3332 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO STATE-FUNDED TRAVEL.	Requires reports on travel taken by certain state agencies and for the reports to be submitted to the money committees of the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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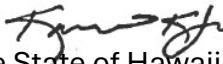
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STATE OF HAWAII'
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

May 5, 2026

TO: Legislative Committee of the Board of Trustees
Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii

FROM: Kalbert K. Young, Executive Director 
Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii

SUBJECT: 2026 Legislative Session Update

Attached is an updated list of select ERS-initiated or ERS-related bills with status updates for the 2026 Legislative Session, as of April 28, 2026.

Action: Receive and file

Attachment



Employees' Retirement System
of the State of Hawaii

ERS Initiated as of 4/28/2026										
#	Bill No	Subject	Title	Summary	Status as of 4/28/2026	Introducer(s)	Refer	Comp	Active or Dead	ERS Position
1	HB2277	ERS; Employer Contributions	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for a specified group of employees to ensure the unfunded accrued liability of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii does not exceed the maximum funding period.	H 1/30/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 5 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB3096	Dead	Support
2	HB2278	ERS; Executive Personnel; Civil Service Exemption	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements.	H 1/30/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 5 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB3097	Dead	Support
3	SB3096 SD1 HD1	ERS; Unfunded Accrued Liability; Employer Contribution Rates; Increase	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contribution rate for normal cost and accrued liability for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers to ensure that the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability of the State's Employees' Retirement System does not exceed the maximum funding period. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 4/28/2026: The Conference committee recommends that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes of the Senate Conference Managers were as follows: 2 Aye(s): Senator(s) Elefante, Richards; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Fevella.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	HB2277	Active	Support
4	SB3097 SD1 HD1 CD1	ERS; Executive Personnel; Civil Service Exemption	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements. (CD1)	H 4/28/2026: Forty-eight (48) hours notice Thursday, 04-30-26.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	HB2278	Active	Support

Membership & Benefits Related as of 4/28/2026										
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5	HB214 HD1 SD2	DLE; ATG; Retirees; ERS; EUTF; Benefits; School Resource Officers; Investigators; Counties; Report	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits under the System or the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund if the retirant is employed in a position needed for succession planning, as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a resource officer, as an investigator, or in a management position excluded from collective bargaining, subject to certain conditions. Requires the director of human resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. (SD2)	S 4/2/2026: Received notice of the discharge of all House Conferees (Hse. Com. No. 457).	TAKAYAMA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LA CHICA, MARTEN, MIYAKE, OLDS, SOUZA, TARNAS, TODD	LBT, WAM	SB99	Active	Provide Comments

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6	HB1183 HD3	Department of Law Enforcement; Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Contributions; Pension and Retirement Systems	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	S 3/12/2026: Referred to PSM/LBT, WAM. Second Lateral Filing Deadline 3/27/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by PSM/LBT	SAYAMA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, TAKAYAMA, WOODSON	PSM/LBT, WAM		Dead	Provide Comments
7	SB99 SD1 HD1	DLE; ERS; Retirees; Benefits; Law Enforcement Officers; School Resource Officers; Counties; Report	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a school resource officer as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill positions, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 4/28/2026: The Conference committee recommends that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes of the Senate Conference Managers were as follows: 2 Aye(s): Senator(s) Elefante, Moriwaki; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Lamosao.	ELEFANTE, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, Fukunaga, Kanuha	LAB, FIN	HB214	Active	Oppose Provide Comments
8	SB731	DLE; AG; ERS; DHRD; Counties; Retirees; Benefits; Investigators; Reports	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows a retirant employed as an investigator identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position to be rehired without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without a loss or interruption of retirement benefits, subject to certain conditions. Requires annual reports to the Legislature to include details on the employment of retirants as investigators.	S 2/17/2026: The committee(s) on LBT deleted the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 02-18-26 3:01PM; CR 225 & Videoconference. First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LBT	DECOITE (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM/JDC		Dead	Provide Comments
9	HB1528 HD1	Constitutional Amendment; Judges; Mandatory Retirement Age	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. (HD1)	H 2/12/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0). First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	GARRETT, TARNAS	JHA, FIN	SB2152	Dead	Monitor
10	HB1655 HD1	Collective Bargaining; Scope of Negotiations; Exclusions; Retirement Benefits	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 3/16/2026: The committee on LBT deferred the measure.	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KILA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS	LAB, FIN	SB2388	Dead	Oppose

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11	HB1662	DLE; Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Contributions; Pension and Retirement Systems	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.	H 2/3/2026: The committee(s) on LAB recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MIYAKE, OLDS, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	LAB, JHA, FIN	SB2141	Dead	Provide Comments w/Concerns
12	HB1809	Public Employees; Retirants	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the State and counties to temporarily rehire retired public employees to fill positions identified as unique and critical to government operations.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 1 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	MIYAKE, AMATO, CHUN, EVSLIN, GEDEON, GRANDINETTI, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, MATSUMOTO, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, REYES ODA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, WOODSON, Matayoshi	LAB, FIN		Dead	Provide Comments
13	HB2080	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Retirants; Employment	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations. Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to 4 years.	H 1/28/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 3 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB2526	Dead	Provide Comments
14	HB2172 HD2 SD1	DOE; Hard-to-Staff Positions; Pilot Program; Employment; Retirants	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)	S 3/30/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. Second Decking Deadline 4/10/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	WOODSON, AMATO, EVSLIN, GARCIA, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KUSCH, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, TEMPLO	EDN, LAB, FIN	SB2836	Dead	Oppose
15	HB2358 HD2	DLE; Law Enforcement Investigators; Adjutant General; Deputy Adjutant General; Fire Marshal; Deputy Fire Marshal; Director of Law Enforcement; Deputy Director of Law Enforcement; Employees' Retirement System; Allowances; Pension	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Includes the Chief Investigator and Chief Special Investigator of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement system. Establishes guidance for the computation of retirement benefits for the Adjutant General, Deputy Adjutant General, Fire Marshal, and Deputy Fire Marshal. (HD2)	S 3/12/2026: Referred to LBT, WAM. Second Lateral Filing Deadline 3/27/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LBT	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LEE, M., MARTEN, OLDS, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TEMPLO	LAB, FIN	SB2832	Dead	Provide Comments Oppose

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16	HB2359 HD1	DHRD; ERS; EUTF; Public Employment; Retirants; State and County Positions; 89-Day Contracts; Report	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/20/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Quinlan excused (1). First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, TEMPLO	LAB, FIN	SB2672	Dead	Provide Comments
17	HB2527	Military Benefits, Entitlements, or Privileges; Hawaii Revised Statutes; Repeal	RELATING TO MILITARY BENEFITS.	Repeals portions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that confer special benefits, protections, privileges, or entitlements to members of the United States armed forces in the State in the event that the United States government or any agency or entity of the United States government commences condemnation proceedings of any land or interest in land owned or held by the State.	H 2/2/2026: Referred to PBS/ECD, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 6 House Triple Referral Deadline 2/11/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by PBS/ECD	IWAMOTO, GRANDINETTI, HUSSEY, PERRUSO	PBS/ECD, JHA, FIN		Dead	Provide Comments
18	SB2141	DLE; Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Contributions; Pension and Retirement Systems	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.	S 2/4/2026: The committee on PSM deferred the measure.	ELEFANTE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS, Hashimoto	LBT/PSM, WAM	HB1662	Dead	Provide Comments
19	SB2152 SD2 HD1	Constitutional Amendment; Judges; Mandatory Retirement Age	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 4/28/2026: Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-29-26 2:00PM; CR 325.	RHOADS, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Ihara, Kanuha, Wakai	JDC, WAM	HB1528	Active	Monitor
20	SB2388	Collective Bargaining; Scope of Negotiations; Exclusions; Retirement Benefits	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits.	S 2/4/2026: The committee on LBT deferred the measure.	ELEFANTE, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, LAMOSAO, RHOADS	LBT, WAM	HB1655	Dead	Oppose
21	SB2526 SD1	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Retirants; Employment	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations. Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to four years. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/20/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM	HB2080	Dead	Provide Comments

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22	SB2555 SD1	ERS; Retirants; Employment; Succession Planning	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits if the retirant is employed in a position identified as one needed for succession planning. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/11/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	MORIWAKI, CHANG, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Fukunaga	LBT, WAM		Dead	Provide Comments
23	SB2606	Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife Sanctuary; Wildlife Conservation; Nonprofit Corporation	RELATING TO WILDLIFE.	Establishes the Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife Sanctuary Corporation.	S 2/11/2026: The committee on WLA deferred the measure.	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, LAMOSAO	WLA/AEN, WAM		Dead	Provide Comments w/Concerns
24	SB2672 SD1	DHRD; ERS; EUTF; Public Employment; Retirants; State and County Positions; 89-Day Contracts; Report	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/18/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	HASHIMOTO, LAMOSAO, MORIWAKI, Wakai	LBT, WAM	HB2359	Dead	Provide Comments
25	SB2832	Elective Officers; Membership; Employees' Retirement System	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Provides elective officers with the choice to be members of the Employees' Retirement System after each election. Repeals the condition that a choice to be excluded from the Employees' Retirement System is irrevocable and such choice may only be made once.	S 1/30/2026: Referred to LBT, WAM. First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LBT	HASHIMOTO	LBT, WAM	HB2358	Dead	Oppose
26	SB2836	DOE; Hard-to-Staff Positions; Pilot Program; Employment; Retirants	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a 5-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions.	S 2/6/2026: The committee on EDU deferred the measure.	HASHIMOTO, Kim	EDU, WAM	HB2172	Dead	Provide Comments
27	SB2872 SD1	DOE; Retirants; Benefits; Exemption; Teachers; Administrators; Difficult-to-Fill Positions; Rules	RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.	Repeals the requirement that retirants rehired as teachers or administrators serve in a teacher shortage area identified by the Department of Education. Requires retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 as teachers or administrators in Department or charter schools to be paid the entry level salary for the teacher or administrator position as negotiated in the collective bargaining unit contract. Prohibits retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 from receiving additional employment benefits. Requires the DOE to adopt rules. (SD1)	S 2/12/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM. First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	KIM, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS	EDU/LBT, WAM		Dead	Provide Comments

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28	SB3180 SD1 HD1	DHRD; ERS; EUTF; Public Employment; Retirants; State and County Positions; 89-Day Contracts; Report	RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 3/30/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Lowen, Perruso, Quinlan excused (4). Second Decking Deadline 4/10/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	MORIWAKI	LBT/GVO, WAM		Dead	Monitor
29	SB3253 SD2 HD1	DLNR; Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary; Endangered Species; Native Wildlife; Conservation	RELATING TO CONSERVATION.	Establishes the Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary as a nonprofit entity to protect and expand populations of endangered species and other native wildlife in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 4/28/2026: Conference committee meeting scheduled for 04-30-26 9:01AM; Conference Room 229.	LEE, C., CHANG, Richards	WAL, EEP, FIN		Active	Monitor

Miscellaneous as of 4/28/2026 (removed companion bills)

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30	GM634	Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System		Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, Gubernatorial Nominee, DARLENE BLAKENEY, for a term to expire 01-01-2032.	S 4/17/2026: Confirmed. Ayes, 23. Aye(s) with reservations: none. Noes, 0 (none). Excused, 2 (Senator(s) Ihara, Richards).		LBT		Active	Support
31	HB1521 HD1	Government Contracts; Contractors; Public Records	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.	Requires contractors performing an agency function to retain records related to the performance of that function and provide agencies with access to those records. Deems the records to be government records under the Uniform Information Practices Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/10/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Garcia, Shimizu voting no (2) and none excused (0). First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	TARNAS, AMATO, GARRETT, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA	JHA, FIN	SB2312	Dead	Provide Comments
32	HB1529	Public Agency Meetings and Records; Boards and Commissions; Quorum; Number of Votes Necessary to Validate Acts	RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	Reduces the quorum requirement for boards and commissions to a majority of current voting members of a board or commission. Reduces the number of affirmative votes needed to validate action of a board or commission to a majority of members voting at a meeting with quorum.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1 First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by JHA	GARRETT	JHA		Dead	Monitor

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33	HB1607 HD1	Public Procurement; Local Preference; Hawaii Businesses	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.	Permanently establishes the Small Business Procurement Program and Small Business Procurement Coordinator position within the State Procurement Office. Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating contracts awarded by competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria. Establishes a special fund and requires the Small Business Procurement Coordinator to establish rules and policies, effective 1/1/2029, requiring small businesses to commit to contributing 0.2 per cent of state contract awards to the special fund. Repeals the Small Business Assistance Initiative established in Act 168, SLH 2022. Appropriates funds for the Small Business Procurement Coordinator. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/19/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0). First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	ILAGAN, AMATO, EVSLIN, HUSSEY, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, MURAOKA, PERRUSO, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	ECD, FIN	SB2075	Dead	Monitor
34	HB1657	DHRD; Civil Service Positions; State Departments, Divisions, and Agencies; Recruitment and Hiring; Rules	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Authorizes state departments, divisions, and agencies to elect to assume hiring and recruitment functions from the Department of Human Resources Development for vacant civil service positions within that department, division, or agency under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to adopt rules. Repeals existing law authorizing state departments, divisions, and agencies to conduct minimum qualification review of applicants for their vacant civil service positions.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 1 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	LAB, FIN	SB2137	Dead	Monitor
35	HB1800 HD1 SD1	State Budget; Executive Supplemental Budget	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. (SD1)	H 4/28/2026: Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Wednesday 04-29-26 4:30PM in conference room 309.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	FIN	SB2500	Active	Monitor
36	HB1999	Public Agencies; Meetings; Notices; Disabilities; Readability	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings.	H 1/28/2026: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 3 First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by JHA	TAKENOUCI, MARTEN, OLDS, TAKAYAMA	JHA	SB2849	Dead	Monitor
37	HB2106 HD1	State Ethics Commission Package; Financial Disclosures; Requirements	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.	Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements. Effective 7/1/2027. (HD1)	S 3/12/2026: Referred to JDC/WAM. Second Decking Deadline 4/10/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by JDC/WAM	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	JHA	SB2246	Dead	Monitor

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38	SB2014 SD1 HD1	DHRD; Vacant Positions; Reclassification; Abolishment; Report; Lapsing of Funds	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Requires the Director of Human Resources Development to abolish vacant positions within state departments and agencies under its jurisdiction that have been vacant for more than 5 years with certain exceptions. Requires funds for abolished positions to immediately lapse to the credit of the appropriate fund. Requires a list of positions abolished to be included in the Director's annual report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 4/21/2026: Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 718). S 4/21/2026: Senate Conferees Appointed: Elefante Chair; Moriwaki Co-Chair; Lamosao.	INOUYE	LBT, WAM		Active	Monitor
39	SB2075 SD1 HD2	Public Procurement; Local Preference; Hawaii Bidders; Hawaii Offerors; Competitive Sealed Bidding; Competitive Sealed Proposals; Debarment; Rules	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.	Requires purchasing agencies to apply a five per cent flat rate local preference in evaluating bids or proposals from qualified Hawaii bidders or offerors who submit a timely preference certification. Establishes criteria for a bid or proposal to qualify for a local preference. Establishes requirements for the qualification and certification of Hawaii bidders and offerors and consequences for failure to maintain qualification. Requires the Procurement Policy Board to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2525. (HD2)	S 4/28/2026: Conference committee meeting scheduled for 04-30-26 10:40AM; Conference Room 016.	WAKAI, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, San Buenaventura	ECD, FIN	HB1607	Active	Monitor
40	SB2246 SD1 HD2	State Ethics Commission Package; Financial Disclosures; Requirements; Legislators; Stocks; Value of Shares	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.	Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements. Makes technical, conforming amendments to disclosure provisions applicable to legislators. Clarifies that an amount of stock may be reported by the value or number of shares. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	H 4/20/2026: Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 714). S 4/20/2026: Senate Conferees Appointed: Rhoads Chair; Chang, Awa.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, JHA	HB2106	Active	Monitor
41	SB2380	Continuous Legislative Session; Constitutional Amendment; Constitutional Repeal	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.	Establishes a continuous Legislature beginning in January 2031. Defines each regular session to be two calendar years. Requires the Legislature to convene on the first and third weeks of each month except for two months before a general or primary election. Repeals language regarding special sessions, adjournment, and recesses. Establishes procedures for the carry-over of bills from the first to the second year of a regular session. Establishes deadlines for certain bills to be submitted for gubernatorial consideration. Standardizes the number of days that the Governor must approve or veto a bill submitted for consideration. Repeals the Governor's ability to appoint an interim position if a vacancy occurs while the Senate is not in session. Establishes salaries of the members of the Legislature pursuant to recommendations by the Commission on Salaries submitted during the 2030 regular session, unless those recommendations are amended by law.	S 2/11/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to WAM. First Decking Deadline 3/6/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by WAM	CHANG	JDC, WAM		Dead	Monitor
42	SB2449	Public Meetings; Business Days; Board Packets; Public Inspection; Regular Business Hours	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Defines "business day" as used in Part I of Chapter 92, HRS, governing public meetings. Clarifies that board packets, if created, shall be made available for public inspection in the board's office during regular business hours, no later than three full business days before the public meeting. Defines "regular business hours".	S 2/5/2026: The committee on GVO deferred the measure.	RHOADS, CHANG, FUKUNAGA	GVO, JDC		Dead	Monitor

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43	SB2662 SD2	Auditor; External Consultants; Purchasing Agencies; Disclosure Requirements; Spending Caps; Audit; Exceptions; Reports	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.	Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Compliance Audit Unit within the Office of the Auditor to conduct regular audits of agency consultant contracts to assess cost-effectiveness and compliance. Establishes exceptions. Requires each chief procurement officer to ensure that inherent government functions are not delegated to a contractor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD2)	H 3/12/2026: Referred to LMG, FIN, referral sheet 17 Second Lateral Filing Deadline 3/27/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LMG	KIM, DECORTE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, Chang, Lamosao, Wakai	GVO, WAM		Dead	Oppose
44	SB2881 SD1 HD1	DOTAX; Form 1099-R; Distributions; Income Tax; Voluntary Withholding; Rules	RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX.	Provides that taxable income subject to reporting as distribution on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R may be subject to withholding at the taxpayer's election. Requires the Department of Taxation to adopt rules and prescribe forms. Applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 4/20/2026: House Conferees Appointed: Takenouchi Chair; Kitagawa, Gedeon. S 4/21/2026: Senate Conferees Appointed: Kim Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella.	KIM, CHANG, LAMOSAO, MCKELVEY	FIN		Active	Monitor
45	SB3230 SD2 HD1	DAGS; Procurement; Project Management Services; Budget Transfers; Certification; Fiscal Officers; Public Works Division; Special Project Branch; Positions; Appropriation	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.	Authorizes governmental bodies and public employees to procure project management services through non-governmental third-party contracts under certain conditions. Appropriates funds to establish a Special Project Branch within the Public Works Division of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 3/30/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Lowen, Perruso, Quinlan excused (4). Second Decking Deadline 4/10/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by FIN	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, KIDANI, Elefante	GVO, WAM		Dead	Monitor
46	SB3332 SD1 HD1	DAGS; State Agencies; Travel Reports	RELATING TO STATE-FUNDED TRAVEL.	Requires reports on travel taken by certain state agencies and for the reports to be submitted to the money committees of the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 4/21/2026: Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 718). S 4/21/2026: Senate Conferees Appointed: McKelvey Chair; Kim Co-Chair; Awa.	KIM, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, San Buenaventura	LAB, FIN		Active	Monitor

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 88-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
3 "(e) Commencing with fiscal year 2005-2006 and each
4 subsequent fiscal year until fiscal year 2007-2008, the employer
5 contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for each of
6 the two groups of employees in subsection (a) shall be based on
7 fifteen and three-fourths per cent of the member's compensation
8 for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers and
9 thirteen and three-fourths per cent of the member's compensation
10 for all other employees. Commencing with fiscal year 2008-2009
11 and each subsequent fiscal year until fiscal year 2011-2012, the
12 employer contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for
13 each of the two groups of employees in subsection (a) shall be
14 based on nineteen and seven-tenths per cent of the member's
15 compensation for police officers, firefighters, and corrections
16 officers and fifteen per cent of the member's compensation for



1 all other employees. In fiscal year 2012-2013, the employer
2 contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for each of
3 the two groups of employees in subsection (a) shall be based on
4 twenty-two per cent of the member's compensation for police
5 officers, firefighters, and corrections officers and fifteen and
6 one-half per cent of the member's compensation for all other
7 employees. In fiscal year 2013-2014, the employer contributions
8 for normal cost and accrued liability for each of the two groups
9 of employees in subsection (a) shall be based on twenty-three
10 per cent of the member's compensation for police officers,
11 firefighters, and corrections officers and sixteen per cent of
12 the member's compensation for all other employees. In fiscal
13 year 2014-2015, the employer contributions for normal cost and
14 accrued liability for each of the two groups of employees in
15 subsection (a) shall be based on twenty-four per cent of the
16 member's compensation for police officers, firefighters, and
17 corrections officers and sixteen and one-half per cent of the
18 member's compensation for all other employees. Commencing with
19 fiscal year 2015-2016 until fiscal year 2016-2017, the employer
20 contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for each of
21 the two groups of employees in subsection (a) shall be based on



1 twenty-five per cent of the member's compensation for police
2 officers, firefighters, and corrections officers and seventeen
3 per cent of the member's compensation for all other employees.
4 In fiscal year 2017-2018, the employer contributions for normal
5 cost and accrued liability for each of the two groups of
6 employees in subsection (a) shall be based on twenty-eight per
7 cent of the member's compensation for police officers,
8 firefighters, and corrections officers and eighteen per cent of
9 the member's compensation for all other employees. In fiscal
10 year 2018-2019, the employer contributions for normal cost and
11 accrued liability for each of the two groups in subsection (a)
12 shall be based on thirty-one per cent of the member's
13 compensation for police officers, firefighters, and corrections
14 officers and nineteen per cent of the member's compensation for
15 all other employees. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the employer
16 contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for each of
17 the two groups in subsection (a) shall be based on thirty-six
18 per cent of the member's compensation for police officers,
19 firefighters, and corrections officers and twenty-two per cent
20 of the member's compensation for all other employees.
21 Commencing with fiscal year 2020-2021 and each subsequent fiscal



1 year[7] until fiscal year 2026-2027, the employer contributions
2 for normal cost and accrued liability for each of the two groups
3 in subsection (a) shall be based on forty-one per cent of the
4 member's compensation for police officers, firefighters, and
5 corrections officers and twenty-four per cent of the member's
6 compensation for all other employees. Commencing with fiscal
7 year 2027-2028 and each subsequent fiscal year, the employer
8 contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for each of
9 the two groups of employees in subsection (a) shall be based on
10 forty-four per cent of the member's compensation for police
11 officers, firefighters, and corrections officers and twenty-four
12 per cent of the member's compensation for all other employees.
13 The contribution rates shall amortize the total unfunded accrued
14 liability of the entire plan over a period not to exceed the
15 maximum funding period.

16 The contribution rates shall be subject to adjustment:
17 (1) If the actual period required to amortize the unfunded
18 accrued liability exceeds the maximum funding period;
19 (2) If there is no unfunded accrued liability; or
20 (3) Based on the actuarial investigation conducted in
21 accordance with section 88-105."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

ERS; Unfunded Accrued Liability; Employer Contribution Rates;
Increase

Description:

Increases employer contribution rate for normal cost and accrued liability for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers to ensure that the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability of the State's Employees' Retirement System does not exceed the maximum funding period. Effective 7/1/3000.
(HD1)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE
PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part II, subpart A to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§88- Executive personnel. The board, through its
5 executive director, may appoint a deputy executive director, a
6 chief compliance officer, and an information security officer.
7 Each appointee shall serve under the direction of the executive
8 director, with duties and qualifications prescribed and each
9 appointee's salary fixed by the board, and shall be exempt from
10 chapter 76."

11 SECTION 2. Section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) The civil service to which this chapter applies shall
14 comprise all positions in the State now existing or hereafter
15 established and embrace all personal services performed for the
16 State, except the following:



- 1 (1) Commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii
2 National Guard and positions in the Hawaii National
3 Guard that are required by state or federal laws or
4 regulations or orders of the National Guard to be
5 filled from those commissioned or enlisted personnel;
- 6 (2) Positions filled by persons employed by contract where
7 the director of human resources development has
8 certified that the service is special or unique or is
9 essential to the public interest and that, because of
10 circumstances surrounding its fulfillment, personnel
11 to perform the service cannot be obtained through
12 normal civil service recruitment procedures. Any
13 contract may be for any period not exceeding one year;
- 14 (3) Positions that must be filled without delay to comply
15 with a court order or decree if the director
16 determines that recruitment through normal recruitment
17 civil service procedures would result in delay or
18 noncompliance, such as the Felix-Cayetano consent
19 decree;
- 20 (4) Positions filled by the legislature or by either house
21 or any committee thereof;



- 1 (5) Employees in the office of the governor and office of
2 the lieutenant governor, and household employees at
3 Washington Place;
- 4 (6) Positions filled by popular vote;
- 5 (7) Department heads, officers, and members of any board,
6 commission, or other state agency whose appointments
7 are made by the governor or are required by law to be
8 confirmed by the senate;
- 9 (8) Judges, referees, receivers, masters, jurors, notaries
10 public, land court examiners, court commissioners, and
11 attorneys appointed by a state court for a special
12 temporary service;
- 13 (9) One bailiff for the chief justice of the supreme court
14 who shall have the powers and duties of a court
15 officer and bailiff under section 606-14; one
16 secretary or clerk for each justice of the supreme
17 court, each judge of the intermediate appellate court,
18 and each judge of the circuit court; one secretary for
19 the judicial council; one deputy administrative
20 director of the courts; three law clerks for the chief
21 justice of the supreme court, two law clerks for each



1 associate justice of the supreme court and each judge
2 of the intermediate appellate court, one law clerk for
3 each judge of the circuit court, two additional law
4 clerks for the civil administrative judge of the
5 circuit court of the first circuit, two additional law
6 clerks for the criminal administrative judge of the
7 circuit court of the first circuit, one additional law
8 clerk for the senior judge of the family court of the
9 first circuit, two additional law clerks for the civil
10 motions judge of the circuit court of the first
11 circuit, two additional law clerks for the criminal
12 motions judge of the circuit court of the first
13 circuit, and two law clerks for the administrative
14 judge of the district court of the first circuit; and
15 one private secretary for the administrative director
16 of the courts, the deputy administrative director of
17 the courts, each department head, each deputy or first
18 assistant, and each additional deputy, or assistant
19 deputy, or assistant defined in paragraph (16);
20 (10) First deputy and deputy attorneys general, the
21 administrative services manager of the department of



1 the attorney general, one secretary for the
2 administrative services manager, an administrator and
3 any support staff for the criminal and juvenile
4 justice resources coordination functions, and law
5 clerks;

6 (11) (A) Teachers, principals, vice-principals, complex
7 area superintendents, deputy and assistant
8 superintendents, other certificated personnel,
9 and no more than twenty noncertificated
10 administrative, professional, and technical
11 personnel not engaged in instructional work;

12 (B) Effective July 1, 2003, teaching assistants,
13 educational assistants, bilingual or bicultural
14 school-home assistants, school psychologists,
15 psychological examiners, speech pathologists,
16 athletic health care trainers, alternative school
17 work study assistants, alternative school
18 educational or supportive services specialists,
19 alternative school project coordinators, and
20 communications aides in the department of
21 education;



- 1 (C) The special assistant to the state librarian and
2 one secretary for the special assistant to the
3 state librarian; and
- 4 (D) Members of the faculty of the university of
5 Hawaii, including research workers, extension
6 agents, personnel engaged in instructional work,
7 and administrative, professional, and technical
8 personnel of the university;
- 9 (12) Employees engaged in special, research, or
10 demonstration projects approved by the governor;
- 11 (13) (A) Positions filled by inmates, patients of state
12 institutions, and persons with severe physical or
13 mental disabilities participating in the work
14 experience training programs;
- 15 (B) Positions filled with students in accordance with
16 guidelines for established state employment
17 programs; and
- 18 (C) Positions that provide work experience training
19 or temporary public service employment that are
20 filled by persons entering the workforce or
21 persons transitioning into other careers under



1 programs such as the federal Workforce Investment
2 Act of 1998, as amended, or the Senior Community
3 Service Employment Program of the Employment and
4 Training Administration of the United States
5 Department of Labor, or under other similar state
6 programs;

7 (14) A custodian or guide at Iolani Palace, the Royal
8 Mausoleum, and Hulihee Palace;

9 (15) Positions filled by persons employed on a fee,
10 contract, or piecework basis, who may lawfully perform
11 their duties concurrently with their private business
12 or profession or other private employment and whose
13 duties require only a portion of their time, if it is
14 impracticable to ascertain or anticipate the portion
15 of time to be devoted to the service of the State;

16 (16) Positions of first deputies or first assistants of
17 each department head appointed under or in the manner
18 provided in section 6, article V, of the Hawaii State
19 Constitution; three additional deputies or assistants
20 either in charge of the highways, harbors, and
21 airports divisions or other functions within the



1 department of transportation as may be assigned by the
2 director of transportation, with the approval of the
3 governor; one additional deputy in the department of
4 human services either in charge of welfare or other
5 functions within the department as may be assigned by
6 the director of human services; four additional
7 deputies in the department of health, each in charge
8 of one of the following: behavioral health,
9 environmental health, hospitals, and health resources
10 administration, including other functions within the
11 department as may be assigned by the director of
12 health, with the approval of the governor; two
13 additional deputies in charge of the law enforcement
14 programs, administration, or other functions within
15 the department of law enforcement as may be assigned
16 by the director of law enforcement, with the approval
17 of the governor; three additional deputies each in
18 charge of the correctional institutions,
19 rehabilitation services and programs, and
20 administration or other functions within the
21 department of corrections and rehabilitation as may be



- 1 assigned by the director of corrections and
2 rehabilitation, with the approval of the governor; two
3 administrative assistants to the state librarian; and
4 an administrative assistant to the superintendent of
5 education;
- 6 (17) Positions specifically exempted from this part by any
7 other law; provided that:
- 8 (A) Any exemption created after July 1, 2014, shall
9 expire three years after its enactment unless
10 affirmatively extended by an act of the
11 legislature; and
- 12 (B) All of the positions defined by paragraph (9)
13 shall be included in the position classification
14 plan;
- 15 (18) Positions in the state foster grandparent program and
16 positions for temporary employment of senior citizens
17 in occupations in which there is a severe personnel
18 shortage or in special projects;
- 19 (19) Household employees at the official residence of the
20 president of the university of Hawaii;



- 1 (20) Employees in the department of education engaged in
2 the supervision of students during meal periods in the
3 distribution, collection, and counting of meal
4 tickets, and in the cleaning of classrooms after
5 school hours on a less than half-time basis;
- 6 (21) Employees hired under the tenant hire program of the
7 Hawaii public housing authority; provided that no more
8 than twenty-six per cent of the authority's workforce
9 in any housing project maintained or operated by the
10 authority shall be hired under the tenant hire
11 program;
- 12 (22) Positions of the federally funded expanded food and
13 nutrition program of the university of Hawaii that
14 require the hiring of nutrition program assistants who
15 live in the areas they serve;
- 16 (23) Positions filled by persons with severe disabilities
17 who are certified by the state vocational
18 rehabilitation office that they are able to perform
19 safely the duties of the positions;
- 20 (24) The sheriff;



- 1 (25) A gender and other fairness coordinator hired by the
2 judiciary;
- 3 (26) Positions in the Hawaii National Guard youth and adult
4 education programs;
- 5 (27) In the Hawaii state energy office in the department of
6 business, economic development, and tourism, all
7 energy program managers, energy program specialists,
8 energy program assistants, and energy analysts;
- 9 (28) Administrative appeals hearing officers in the
10 department of human services;
- 11 (29) In the [~~Med-QUEST~~] med-QUEST division of the
12 department of human services, the division
13 administrator, finance officer, health care services
14 branch administrator, medical director, and clinical
15 standards administrator;
- 16 (30) In the director's office of the department of human
17 services, the enterprise officer, information security
18 and privacy compliance officer, security and privacy
19 compliance engineer, security and privacy compliance
20 analyst, information technology implementation
21 manager, assistant information technology



- 1 implementation manager, resource manager, community or
2 project development director, policy director, special
3 assistant to the director, and limited English
4 proficiency project manager or coordinator;
- 5 (31) The Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
6 coordinator in the executive office on aging;
- 7 (32) In the Hawaii emergency management agency, the
8 executive officer, public information officer, civil
9 defense administrative officer, branch chiefs, and
10 emergency operations center state warning point
11 personnel; provided that for state warning point
12 personnel, the director shall determine that
13 recruitment through normal civil service recruitment
14 procedures would result in delay or noncompliance;
- 15 (33) The executive director and seven full-time
16 administrative positions of the school facilities
17 authority;
- 18 (34) Positions in the Mauna Kea stewardship and oversight
19 authority;



- 1 (35) In the office of homeland security of the department
2 of law enforcement, the statewide interoperable
3 communications coordinator;
- 4 (36) In the social services division of the department of
5 human services, the business technology analyst;
- 6 (37) The executive director and staff of the 911 board;
- 7 (38) The software developer supervisor and senior software
8 developers in the department of taxation;
- 9 (39) In the department of law enforcement, five Commission
10 on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.,
11 coordinator positions;
- 12 (40) The state fire marshal and deputy state fire marshal
13 in the office of the state fire marshal;
- 14 (41) The administrator for the law enforcement standards
15 board;
- 16 (42) In the office of the director of taxation, the data
17 privacy officer and tax business analysts; ~~and~~
- 18 +] (43) [+] All positions filled by the Hawaii tourism authority
19 within the department of business, economic
20 development, and tourism[-]; and



1 (44) In the employees' retirement system of the State of
2 Hawaii, the deputy executive director, chief
3 compliance officer, and information security officer.

4 The director shall determine the applicability of this
5 section to specific positions.

6 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the civil
7 service status of any incumbent as it existed on July 1, 1955."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



Report Title:

ERS; Executive Personnel; Civil Service Exemption

Description:

Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements. (CD1)

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

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

Trustees present: Dr. Catherine Chan, Chair
(by teleconference) Mr. Emmit Kane, Vice Chair (in person)
Mr. Vincent Barfield

Trustee absent: Mr. Seth Colby

Staff present: Mr. Kalbert Young, Executive Director
(City Financial Tower Ms. Gail Strohl, Deputy Executive Director
by teleconference) Ms. Kristin Varela, Chief Investment Officer
Mr. Anthony Goo, Deputy Chief Investment Officer
Mr. Kona Mann, Chief Compliance Officer
Mr. James Greubel, Program Specialist
Ms. Shanna Sakagawa, Program Specialist
Ms. Dale Kehau Kanae, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Ms. Lori Kim, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Andrea Gasper, Administrative Assistant

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

QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present (Acting Chair Barfield, and Trustees Chan and Kane), Acting Chair Barfield 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 12:04 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. Trustee Kane attended the meeting in person. Acting Chair Barfield 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Chair Barfield 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
VICE CHAIR OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Acting Chair Barfield presented for discussion by the Committee, the election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee. Acting Chair Barfield nominated Trustee Chan as Chair and Trustee Kane as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

On a motion made by Acting Chair Barfield, seconded by Trustee Kane, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved Trustee Chan as the newly elected Chair of the Committee.

On a motion made by Trustee Barfield, seconded by Chair Chan, and unanimously carried, the Committee approve Trustee Kane as the newly elected Vice Chair of the Committee.

Newly elected Chair Chan presided over the remainder of the meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS
REVISIONS TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
CHARTER TO INCLUDE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT

Chair Chan presented for review, discussion, and approval by the Committee the Legislative Committee Charter. The Committee had no changes to the Charter and reviewed the Committee Review of 2025 provided by Executive Director (ED) Kalbert Young.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Kane, seconded by Trustee Barfield, and unanimously carried, the Committee accepted the Legislative Committee Charter as presented with no changes, that will be presented to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS
RECOMMENDED POSITIONS
REGARDING 2026
LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHICH
MAY IMPACT THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM, A LIST OF WHICH
IS ATTACHED HERETO AS
SCHEDULE A

ED Young and Program Specialist (PS) James Greubel presented and discussed with the Committee the Recommended Positions Regarding the Legislative Bills which may impact the Employees' Retirement System for the 2026 Legislative Session and reviewed the list of ERS Initiated, Membership and Benefits Related, and Miscellaneous 2026 Legislative Bills, as well as ERS's position on each Bill.

Regarding HB 1655, HD1/SB2388, ED Young shared with the Committee that he, as ED of the ERS, recently spoke to a reporter from Aloha State Daily that published an on-line article expressing his position and several reasons for opposing this measure and hopes the Bill fails. The Committee requested that going forward ERS staff include in any testimony regarding these Bills the IRS potential legal threat to our tax-exempt status. The attending Deputy Attorneys General shared that the normal process of any Bills with significant tax problems are reviewed by tax counsel to assist departments/agencies in preparing any testimony. PS Greubel shared that in past legislative sessions of similar Bills the tax-exempt status was addressed by tax counsel and ERS' position has not changed. ERS staff agreed that going forward any testimony for these and similar Bills that threaten our IRS tax exempt status will include tax counsel's opinion.

The Committee asked ED Young if there was a procedure for speaking with media on behalf of the ERS or Board, particularly if the subject matter is not first brought before the Committee or Board? ED Young shared that he understands and is very conscious how information with media is conveyed and does not speak on behalf of the Committee or Board without their knowledge or permission. This particular circumstance was a result of testimony presented at a public Legislative hearing, though at the time of the interview the Board's official position on this Bill was not known. The Committee requested in the future, if not able to timely convey information at a Committee meeting, the Committee Chair or Vice Chair could be contacted. ED Young acknowledged the Committee's request and will share Aloha State Daily's article by e-mail with the Committee.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Kane, seconded by Trustee Barfield, and unanimously carried, the Committee accepted and reaffirmed the ERS Initiated, Membership and Benefits Related, and Miscellaneous Related 2026 Legislative Bills that included recommended positions to be taken by the Board and will be presented to the Board for approval. (The lists presented are attached to these minutes for clarification.)

IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS
POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE

Chair Chan presented to the Committee a request to Identify and Discuss Potential Legislative Proposals Determined to be Necessary or Desirable for the

**PROPOSALS DETERMINED
TO BE NECESSARY OR
DESIRABLE FOR THE
SYSTEM'S INVESTMENTS,
ADMINISTRATION, AND/OR
OPERATIONS**

System's Investments, Administration, and/or Operations. The Committee had no suggested Potential Legislative Proposals for the Employees' Retirement System for the next Legislative session.

ED Young shared that ERS administration does not have any new items for this session or for the next Legislative session. However, suggested ERS and the Committee anticipate by preparing for items from this session to supplement or answer to prospective legislative measures external to the ERS after the conclusion of this year's Legislative session with sufficient time before the start of the next session. Chair Chan agreed and suggested the Committee and the Board contemplate future proposals for discussion at the last Committee meeting to be scheduled for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Chan called for public comment. There was no public attending in person or by teleconference, therefore, there was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- AUGUST 26, 2025**

On a motion made by Trustee Barfield, seconded by Vice Chair Kane, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes of the August 26, 2025, meeting as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Barfield, seconded by Vice Chair Kane, and unanimously carried, Chair Chan adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

REDACTED SIGNATURE

Kalbert Young
Executive Director
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ERS Initiated as of 2/26/2026										
#	Bill No	Subject	Title	Summary	Status as of 2/26/2026	Introducer(s)	Refer	Comp	Active or Dead	ERS Position
1	HB2277	ERS; Employer Contributions	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contributions for normal cost and accrued liability for a specified group of employees to ensure the unfunded accrued liability of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii does not exceed the maximum funding period.	H 1/30/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 5 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB3096	Dead	Support
2	HB2278	ERS; Executive Personnel; Civil Service Exemption	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements.	H 1/30/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 5 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB3097	Dead	Support
3	SB3096 SD1	ERS; Employer Contributions	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORMAL COST AND ACCRUED LIABILITY.	Increases employer contribution rate for normal cost and accrued liability for police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers to ensure that the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability of the State's Employees' Retirement System does not exceed the maximum funding period. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/25/2026: The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-02-26 10:01AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM	HB2277	Active	Support
4	SB3097 SD1	ERS; Executive Personnel; Civil Service Exemption	RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, through its Executive Director, to appoint specified executive personnel positions of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii and exempts these positions from the State's civil service requirements. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/25/2026: The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-02-26 10:01AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM	HB2278	Active	Support

Membership & Benefits Related as of 2/26/2026										
#	Bill No	Subject	Title	Summary	Status as of 2/26/2026	Introducer(s)	Refer	Comp	Active or Dead	ERS Position
5	SB99 SD1	DOE; ATG; ERS; Retirees; Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund; Benefits; School Resource Officers; Investigators; Counties; Report	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a law enforcement officer stationed at a public school as a school resource officer or investigator in positions identified by the Department of the Attorney General or Department of Law Enforcement or other law enforcement agency as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill positions, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Director of Human Resources of the appropriate state jurisdiction or the human resources management chief executive of each county to include in their annual reports to the Legislature, details on the employment of retirants as school resource officers or investigators. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	CROSSED OVER H 2/25/2026: Pass First Reading	ELEFANTE, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, Fukunaga, Kanuha	LBT, WAM	HB214	Active	Provide Comments

#	Bill No	Subject	Title	Summary	Status as of 2/26/2026	Introducer(s)	Refer	Comp	Active or Dead	ERS Position
6	SB731	DLE; AG; ERS; DHRD; Counties; Retirees; Benefits; Investigators; Reports	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.	Allows a retirant employed as an investigator identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position to be rehired without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without a loss or interruption of retirement benefits, subject to certain conditions. Requires annual reports to the Legislature to include details on the employment of retirants as investigators.	S 2/17/2026: The committee(s) on LBT deleted the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 02-18-26 3:01PM; CR 225 & Videoconference. First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LBT	DECOITE (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM/JDC		Dead	Provide Comments
7	HB1528 HD1	Constitutional Amendment; Judges; Mandatory Retirement Age	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. (HD1)	H 2/12/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0).	GARRETT, TARNAS	JHA, FIN	SB2152	Active	Monitor
8	HB1655 HD1	Collective Bargaining; Scope of Negotiations; Exclusions; Retirement Benefits	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/17/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Lee, M., Poepoe excused (3).	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KILA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS	LAB, FIN	SB2388	Active	Oppose
9	HB1662	DLE; Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Contributions; Pension and Retirement Systems	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.	H 2/3/2026: The committee(s) on LAB recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MIYAKE, OLDS, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	LAB, JHA, FIN	SB2141	Dead	Provide Comments w/Concerns
10	HB1809	Public Employees; Retirants	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the State and counties to temporarily rehire retired public employees to fill positions identified as unique and critical to government operations.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 1 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	MIYAKE, AMATO, CHUN, EVSLIN, GEDEON, GRANDINETTI, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, MATSUMOTO, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, REYES ODA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, WOODSON, Matayoshi	LAB, FIN		Dead	Provide Comments
11	HB2080	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Retirants; Employment	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations. Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to 4 years.	H 1/28/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 3 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	LAB, FIN	SB2526	Dead	Provide Comments

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12	HB2172 HD2	DOE; Hard-to-Staff Positions; Pilot Program; Employment; Retirants	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a 5-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions. Repeals 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	H 2/20/2026: Report adopted; referred to the committee(s) on FIN as amended in HD 2 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Quinlan excused (1).	WOODSON, AMATO, EVSLIN, GARCIA, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KUSCH, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, PERRUSO, PIERICK, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, TEMPLO	EDN, LAB, FIN	SB2836	Active	Provide Comments
13	HB2358 HD1	Elective Officers; Membership; Employees' Retirement System	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Provides elective officers with the choice to be members of the Employees' Retirement System after each election. Repeals the condition that a choice to be excluded from the Employees' Retirement System is irrevocable and such choice may only be made once. Includes the Chief Investigator and Chief Special Investigator of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement system. Establishes guidance for the computation of retirement benefits for the Chief Investigator, Chief Special Investigator, Director of Law Enforcement, and Deputy Directors of Law Enforcement. (HD1)	H 2/20/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Quinlan excused (1).	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LEE, M., MARTEN, OLDS, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TEMPLO	LAB, FIN	SB2832	Active	Oppose
14	HB2359 HD1	DHRD; ERS; EUTF; Public Employment; Retirants; State and County Positions; 89-Day Contracts; Report	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/20/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Quinlan excused (1).	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TARNAS, TEMPLO	LAB, FIN	SB2672	Active	Provide Comments
15	HB2527	Military Benefits, Entitlements, or Privileges; Hawaii Revised Statutes; Repeal	RELATING TO MILITARY BENEFITS.	Repeals portions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that confer special benefits, protections, privileges, or entitlements to members of the United States armed forces in the State in the event that the United States government or any agency or entity of the United States government commences condemnation proceedings of any land or interest in land owned or held by the State.	H 2/2/2026: Referred to PBS/ECD, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 6 House Triple Referral Deadline 2/11/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by PBS/ECD	IWAMOTO, GRANDINETTI, HUSSEY, PERRUSO	PBS/ECD, JHA, FIN		Dead	Provide Comments
16	SB2141	DLE; Retirement for Public Officers and Employees; Allowances; Contributions; Pension and Retirement Systems	RELATING TO ALLOWANCE ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS.	Includes certain law enforcement administrators and employees of the Department of Law Enforcement as class A members of the pension and retirement systems and provides guidance for the computation of retirement benefits similar to police officers.	S 2/4/2026: The committee on PSM deferred the measure.	ELEFANTE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS, Hashimoto	LBT/PSM, WAM	HB1662	Dead	Provide Comments

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17	SB2152 SD2	Constitutional Amendment; Judges; Mandatory Retirement Age	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES.	Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years of age. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	S 2/24/2026: 48 Hrs. Notice 03-05-26.	RHOADS, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Ihara, Kanuha, Wakai	JDC, WAM	HB1528	Active	Monitor
18	SB2388	Collective Bargaining; Scope of Negotiations; Exclusions; Retirement Benefits	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits.	S 2/4/2026: The committee on LBT deferred the measure.	ELEFANTE, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, LAMOSAO, RHOADS	LBT, WAM	HB1655	Dead	Oppose
19	SB2526 SD1	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Retirants; Employment	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Authorizes the rehiring of retirants for positions that are unique and critical to operations . Limits the duration of each retirant's reemployment to four years. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/20/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	LBT, WAM	HB2080	Active	Provide Comments
20	SB2555 SD1	ERS; Retirants; Employment; Succession Planning	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of benefits if the retirant is employed in a position identified as one needed for succession planning . Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/11/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	MORIWAKI, CHANG, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Fukunaga	LBT, WAM		Active	Provide Comments
21	SB2606	Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife Sanctuary; Wildlife Conservation; Nonprofit Corporation	RELATING TO WILDLIFE.	Establishes the Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife Sanctuary Corporation.	S 2/11/2026: The committee on WLA deferred the measure.	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, LAMOSAO	WLA/AEN, WAM		Dead	Provide Comments w/Concerns
22	SB2672 SD1	DHRD; ERS; EUTF; Public Employment; Retirants; State and County Positions; 89-Day Contracts; Report	RELATING TO RETIRANTS.	Establishes a five-year pilot program allowing retirants to be rehired for exempt service for one-year terms under certain circumstances. Provides that retirants employed under the program are excluded from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and will not experience an interruption of pension benefits. Requires an employer of a retirant under the program to contribute to the Employees' Retirement System. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2031. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/18/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	HASHIMOTO, LAMOSAO, MORIWAKI, Wakai	LBT, WAM	HB2359	Active	Provide Comments
23	SB2832	Elective Officers; Membership; Employees' Retirement System	RELATING TO RETIREMENT.	Provides elective officers with the choice to be members of the Employees' Retirement System after each election. Repeals the condition that a choice to be excluded from the Employees' Retirement System is irrevocable and such choice may only be made once.	S 1/30/2026: Referred to LBT, WAM. First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LBT	HASHIMOTO	LBT, WAM	HB2358	Dead	Oppose
24	SB2836	DOE; Hard-to-Staff Positions; Pilot Program; Employment; Retirants	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRANTS.	Establishes a 5-year pilot program to authorize the Department of Education to rehire retired teachers and educational officers for hard-to-staff positions .	S 2/6/2026: The committee on EDU deferred the measure.	HASHIMOTO, Kim	EDU, WAM	HB2172	Dead	Provide Comments

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25	SB2872 SD1	DOE; Retirants; Benefits; Exemption; Teachers; Administrators; Difficult-to-Fill Positions; Rules	RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.	Repeals the requirement that retirants rehired as teachers or administrators serve in a teacher shortage area identified by the Department of Education . Requires retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 as teachers or administrators in Department or charter schools to be paid the entry level salary for the teacher or administrator position as negotiated in the collective bargaining unit contract. Prohibits retirants rehired after 6/30/2026 from receiving additional employment benefits. Requires the DOE to adopt rules. (SD1)	S 2/12/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KIM, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS	EDU/LBT, WAM		Active	Provide Comments

Miscellaneous as of 2/26/2026 (removed companion bills)

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26	GM634	Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System		Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, Gubernatorial Nominee, DARLENE BLAKENY, for a term to expire 06-30-2032.	S 1/30/2026: Referred to LBT.		LBT		Active	Support
27	HB1521 HD1	Government Contracts; Contractors; Public Records	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.	Requires contractors performing an agency function to retain records related to the performance of that function and provide agencies with access to those records. Deems the records to be government records under the Uniform Information Practices Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/10/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Garcia, Shimizu voting no (2) and none excused (0).	TARNAS, AMATO, GARRETT, ILAGAN, IWAMOTO, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, LOWEN, MARTEN, OLDS, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA	JHA, FIN	SB2312	Active	Provide Comments
28	HB1529	Public Agency Meetings and Records; Boards and Commissions; Quorum; Number of Votes Necessary to Validate Acts	RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	Reduces the quorum requirement for boards and commissions to a majority of current voting members of a board or commission. Reduces the number of affirmative votes needed to validate action of a board or commission to a majority of members voting at a meeting with quorum.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 1	GARRETT	JHA		Active	Monitor
29	HB1607 HD1	Public Procurement; Local Preference; Hawaii Businesses	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.	Permanently establishes the Small Business Procurement Program and Small Business Procurement Coordinator position within the State Procurement Office. Requires purchasing agencies to apply a local preference to Hawaii businesses in evaluating contracts awarded by competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals. Establishes criteria for a Hawaii business to qualify for a local preference. Establishes procedures for contract awardees who fail to meet or maintain the preference criteria. Establishes a special fund and requires the Small Business Procurement Coordinator to establish rules and policies, effective 1/1/2029, requiring small businesses to commit to contributing 0.2 per cent of state contract awards to the special fund. Repeals the Small Business Assistance Initiative established in Act 168, SLH 2022. Appropriates funds for the Small Business Procurement Coordinator. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/19/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0).	ILAGAN, AMATO, EVSLIN, HUSSEY, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, MURAOKA, PERRUSO, PIERICK, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	ECD, FIN	SB2075	Active	Monitor

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30	HB1657	DHRD; Civil Service Positions; State Departments, Divisions, and Agencies; Recruitment and Hiring; Rules	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Authorizes state departments, divisions, and agencies to elect to assume hiring and recruitment functions from the Department of Human Resources Development for vacant civil service positions within that department, division, or agency under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to adopt rules. Repeals existing law authorizing state departments, divisions, and agencies to conduct minimum qualification review of applicants for their vacant civil service positions.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to LAB, FIN, referral sheet 1 First Lateral Filing Deadline 2/19/2026. Bill was not scheduled for a hearing by LAB	SAYAMA, ILAGAN, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, OLDS, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS	LAB, FIN	SB2137	Dead	Monitor
31	HB1800	State Budget	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2025-2027 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.	H 1/26/2026: Referred to FIN, referral sheet 1	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	FIN	SB2500	Active	Monitor
32	HB1999	Public Agencies; Meetings; Notices; Disabilities; Readability	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Requires certain information to appear at the beginning of notices for public meetings.	H 1/28/2026: Referred to JHA, referral sheet 3	TAKENOUCHI, MARTEN, OLDS, TAKAYAMA	JHA	SB2849	Active	Monitor
33	HB2106	State Ethics Commission Package; Financial Disclosures; Requirements	RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.	Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements.	H 2/19/2026: The committee on JHA recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Tarnas, Poepoe, Belatti, Cochran, Hashem, Kahaloa, Sayama, Takayama, Garcia, Shimizu; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and Excused: none.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	JHA	SB2246	Active	Monitor
34	SB2014 SD1	DHRD; Vacant Positions; Reclassification; Abolishment; Report; General Fund	RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.	Requires the Director of Human Resources Development to abolish vacant positions within state departments and agencies under its jurisdiction that have been vacant for more than 5 years with certain exceptions. Requires a list of positions abolished to be included in the Director's annual report to the Legislature. Requires funds for abolished positions to immediately lapse to the credit of the appropriate fund. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/25/2026: The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-03-26 10:15AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	INOUYE	LBT, WAM		Active	Monitor

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35	SB2380	Continuous Legislative Session; Constitutional Amendment; Constitutional Repeal	PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.	Establishes a continuous Legislature beginning in January 2031. Defines each regular session to be two calendar years. Requires the Legislature to convene on the first and third weeks of each month except for two months before a general or primary election. Repeals language regarding special sessions, adjournment, and recesses. Establishes procedures for the carry-over of bills from the first to the second year of a regular session. Establishes deadlines for certain bills to be submitted for gubernatorial consideration. Standardizes the number of days that the Governor must approve or veto a bill submitted for consideration. Repeals the Governor's ability to appoint an interim position if a vacancy occurs while the Senate is not in session. Establishes salaries of the members of the Legislature pursuant to recommendations by the Commission on Salaries submitted during the 2030 regular session, unless those recommendations are amended by law.	S 2/11/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to WAM.	CHANG	JDC, WAM		Active	Monitor
36	SB2449	Public Meetings; Business Days; Board Packets; Public Inspection; Regular Business Hours	RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.	Defines "business day" as used in Part I of Chapter 92, HRS, governing public meetings. Clarifies that board packets, if created, shall be made available for public inspection in the board's office during regular business hours, no later than three full business days before the public meeting. Defines "regular business hours".	S 2/5/2026: The committee on GVO deferred the measure.	RHOADS, CHANG, FUKUNAGA	GVO, JDC		Dead	Monitor
37	SB2662 SD1	Auditor; External Consultants; Purchasing Agencies; Disclosure Requirements; Spending Caps; Audit; Exceptions; Reports	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.	Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Requires the Compliance Audit Unit within the Office of the Auditor to conduct regular audits of agency consultant contracts to assess cost-effectiveness and compliance. Establishes exceptions. Requires each chief procurement officer to ensure that inherent government functions are not delegated to a contractor. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)	S 2/20/2026: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KIM, DECORTE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, Chang, Lamosao, Wakai	GVO, WAM		Active	Oppose
38	SB3180 SD1	State Employment; Temporary Employment; Eighty-Nine-Day Hires; Limits; Abolishment; Annual Reports	RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.	Repeals language that limits the temporary employment of a person in a single position for 2 terms of 89 days. Requires each department and agency to submit an annual report to the Legislature that includes certain information about the department or agency's employment of 89-day hires. Automatically abolishes positions that have been vacant for more than 48 months. Effective 1/1/2077. (SD1)	S 2/25/2026: The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-03-26 10:15AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	MORIWAKI	LBT/GVO, WAM		Active	Monitor

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39	SB3230 SD1	DAGS; Procurement; Ethical Public Procurement; Budget Transfers; Certification; Fiscal Officers; Public Works Division; Special Project Branch; Positions; Appropriation	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.	Authorizes governmental bodies and public employees to procure project management services through non-governmental third-party contracts under certain conditions. Clarifies the inherently governmental and nondelegable responsibility of state agencies, which must retain ultimate authority, accountability, and decision-making over contract performance. Requires every budget transfer to receive prior written certification from an appropriate fiscal officer as to the effect the budget transfer will have on the total project budget or the total contract budget. Appropriates funds to establish a Special Project Branch within the Public Works Division of the Department of Accounting and General Services, including funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent positions, to provide specialized expertise and staff resources that support the Division's implementation of certain complex, high-profile capital improvement program projects using innovative, non-traditional delivery methods. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD1)	S 2/25/2026: The committee(s) on WAM deferred the measure until 03-03-26 10:15AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, KIDANI, Elefante	GVO, WAM		Active	Monitor