

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

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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, KEOHOKALO, 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