THE SENATE THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, January 31, 2022

RELATING TO ABANDONED WELLS.

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

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AMENDED AGENDA

WTL, WAM

Status & Testimony	Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who are required to fill and seal abandoned wells on their real property. Clarifies the definition of the term "abandoned well". Requires sellers of real property to disclose the existence of wells on the property. Requires an owner or prior owner of an abandoned well to repair or fill and seal the well at the owner's or prior owner's expense. Appropriates funds for three full-time equivalent ground surveyor positions under the Commission on Water Resource Management.	
Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TRAILS. Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent land and access specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent abstractor position within the na ala hele program for the protection and expansion of public trail access statewide.	WTL, WAM
SB 2764 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS. Expands exclusions from the definition of "development" as it applies to special management areas to reduce the need for special management area permits for certain activities.	WTL, JDC [Measure deleted on 01-28-22]

SB 2752

RELATING TO LAND USE. WTL. WAM **SB 2766** [Measure deleted Requires the office of planning and sustainable development to Status & perform a study to refine rural district policies and make on 01-28-221 **Testimony** recommendations to facilitate the reclassification of lands from the agricultural district to the rural district. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds. RELATING TO FISH AGGREGATION DEVICES. WTL, WAM SB 2767 Provides funds to the department of land and natural resources [Measure deleted Status & on 01-28-22] to support the deployment, replacement, and maintenance of **Testimony** fish aggregation devices. RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON BEACHES. WTL. JDC **SB 3377** Prohibits any person from presetting commercial beach [Measure deleted Status & equipment on beaches encumbered with easements in favor of on 01-28-22] **Testimony** the public. **SB 2626** RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL WTL, WAM RESOURCES. Status & Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural **Testimony** Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife Maui branch for the purchase of additional vehicles. RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND WTL. WAM **SB 2659** RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT. Status & Appropriates moneys to the Division of Conservation and **Testimony** Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for purchasing equipment, funding training, and establishing 20.0 FTE positions. **RELATING TO FISHERMAN SAFETY.** WTL, JDC **SB 2924** Prohibits purposeful harassment with the intent to prevent the [Measure deleted taking of fish from persons who are fishing in state waters. on 01-28-22] **Testimony SB 3380** RELATING TO BEACH PARK RESTORATION. WTL, WAM Appropriates funds for a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii to Status & hire an engineering firm to study, plan, assist, and conduct **Testimony** preliminary design and concept work for a two-phase project to restore the Kahaluu Beach Park in the county of Hawaii. Conditions the appropriation on the county of Hawaii contribution of matching funds. RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND. **SB 2533** WTL, WAM Removes the monetary cap for the amount of conveyance taxes Status & collected that shall be paid into the land conservation fund. **Testimony SB 3330** RELATING TO THE PUPUKEA MARINE LIFE WTL, WAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to

establish and conduct the Pupukea marine life conservation district carrying capacity pilot program. Appropriates moneys.

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Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BEACHES. Includes in the State's policies for the physical environment under the Hawaii State Planning Act, the development of a statewide beach assessment study and a restoration and conservation plan.	WTL, WAM
SB 3228 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TOW-IN SURFING. Allows tow-in surfing during periods that are below high surf warning levels as declared by the National Weather Service.	WTL, JDC [Measure deleted on 01-28-22]

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye Chair