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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: AEN

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A G E N D A

**SB 948**

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RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.  
Appropriates funds to allow the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to coordinate the removal of hazard albizia trees that potentially threaten public and private land.

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**SB 1498**

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RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO.  
Prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources from disturbing or acquiring for development certain wetland taro-growing lands. Establishes a taro lands classification for public lands. Permits structures for loi taro fields in the agricultural district. Establishes growth and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian crops as a goal of the Hawaii State Planning Act. Authorizes the Land Use Commission to create an inventory of taro lands and consult with former members of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force in the creation of the inventory.

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<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1501</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO LANDS. Prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources from disturbing or acquiring for development certain wetland taro-growing lands.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1350</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Establishes the Climate Impact Special Fund, allocates five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund, and appropriates funds to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to address impacts of climate change and to mitigate further impacts on the State through carbon sequestration and resiliency planning, allocates funds to the sea level rise voluntary relocation fund.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1417</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Requires the Hawaii community development authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate resilience development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kaka'ako and Kalaeloa community development districts.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1486</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING. Requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 1521</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to create an integrated land use plan for the use the agricultural district. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office, Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Hawaii Tourism Authority to update various state functional plans. Requires the counties to update their general plans. Appropriates moneys.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye  
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