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CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING

The hearing time has been changed from 9:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
TIME: ~~9:30 AM~~ **8:30 AM**
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 430
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB702**

HB 1211 Status	RELATING TO CONVEYANCE TAX. Increases the conveyance tax rate for certain properties.	WAL, FIN
HB 1351 Status	RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX. Amends the conveyance tax by adding a fee schedule for properties that are sold by foreign entities or non-resident foreign nationals.	WAL, FIN
HB 1267 Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Requires the department of land and natural resources to develop and implement a management system for Ka'ena point state park, Makua, and Keawa'ula regions. Appropriates funds.	WAL, FIN



HB 1386 Status	RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. In addition to the chairperson, allows no more than two members of the board of land and natural resources to determine items that shall be placed on a meeting agenda and to submit those items to the chairperson for placement on an agenda. Makes a discussion between the two members for purposes of determining items to be scheduled on a meeting agenda a permitted interaction under the Sunshine Law; provided that the discussion is limited to selecting agenda items and no commitment relating to a vote on any matter is made or sought.	WAL, JHA
HB 1268, HD1 (HSCR132) Status	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Requires the University of Hawaii sea grant college program to contract with an independent consultant for the development of a statewide strategic five-year plan for aquaculture. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HET, WAL, FIN
HB 307, HD1 (HSCR43) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Allows the department of agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, WAL, CPC
HB 615 (HSCR47) Status	RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL USES AND ACTIVITIES. Clarifies that any provision in a private agreement contained in a conveyance of land recorded on or before 7/8/2003 that have since expired but have not been renewed and recorded in the bureau of conveyances are prohibited from restricting bona fide agricultural uses and activities on agricultural land.	AGR, WAL, CPC
HB 670, HD1 (HSCR34) Status	RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION. Specifies that a simple majority of affirmative votes by members of the land use commission is required for any boundary amendment. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, FIN
HB 84, HD1 (HSCR77) Status	RELATING TO COUNTIES. Makes explicit the counties' authority to enact ordinances to amortize or phase out permitted, nonconforming, or otherwise allowed short-term rentals in any zoning classification. Includes swapping, bartering, or exchange of a residential dwelling, or portion thereof, in definition of "short-term rental" for this purpose. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, JHA
HB 814, HD1 (HSCR156) Status	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Requires the counties to adopt ordinances by 7/1/2024 to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, and medical institutions to build housing units on land that the institutions own for purchase in fee simple or use by the institutions, their employees, or their contractors, regardless of current zoning restrictions. Requires institutions to own housing units for thirty years before offering the housing units for sale. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	HSG, WAL, FIN



HB 1054, HD1 (HSCR160) Status	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING.</p> <p>Establishes the rental deposit loan program and rental deposit loan program revolving fund. Appropriates funds. Sunsets on 7/1/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HSG, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 1162, HD1 (HSCR112) Status	<p>RELATING TO VISITOR IMPACT FEES.</p> <p>Establishes a visitor impact fee program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, through which the department will collect a fee for a license to visit a state park, forest, hiking trail, or other state natural area. Establishes, and appropriates moneys into and out of, the visitor impact fee special fund. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to conduct a study on the potential revenues expected to be generated by the visitor impact fee program. (HD1)</p>	<p>TOU, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 1237, HD1 (HSCR119) Status	<p>RELATING TO A GREEN USER FEE PROGRAM.</p> <p>Requires the department of land and natural resources to establish a green user fee program to collect user fees for certain parks. Requires the department of land and natural resources to develop a mobile application for the green user fee program. Exempts certain individuals from the green user fee program. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TOU, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 1233, HD1 (HSCR115) Status	<p>RELATING TO TOURISM.</p> <p>Requires the School of Travel Industry Management of the University of Hawaii to conduct a study that assesses the tourism social carrying capacity for each of the islands of Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. Requires the School of Travel Industry Management to consult with the Department of Health and Department of Land and Natural Resources and allows the school to consult with other entities. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TOU, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 1375, HD1 (HSCR179) Status	<p>RELATING TO TOURISM.</p> <p>Establishes the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the destination management agency, including its director and commission. Establishes the tourism special fund and county assistance special fund, to receive allocations from transient accommodations tax revenue. Repeals the Hawaii tourism authority. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TOU/ECD, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 1206, HD1 (HSCR243) Status	<p>RELATING TO A STATE PERMITTING OFFICE.</p> <p>Establishes the state permitting office within the department of accounting and general services to process building and infrastructure permits for construction of state-owned buildings, state roads and highways, and other construction on state lands. Appropriates moneys. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LGO, WAL, FIN</p>
HB 146, HD1 (HSCR29) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL.</p> <p>Adds to the membership of the state fire council, and to the membership of advisory committees that the council may appoint, representatives from the Hawaii state aircraft rescue fire fighting unit and the division of forestry and wildlife of the department of land and natural resources to reflect all non-federal fire fighting agencies in the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LGO, WAL</p>



[HB 702](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE PARKS.
Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a study of the carrying capacity of Makena State Park in the County of Maui. Appropriates moneys.

WAL, FIN

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **February 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 906](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT.
Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to conduct an audit of the State's surface water transmission systems.

WAL, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

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Rep. Linda Ichiyama
Chair



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