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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 430
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 1627 Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER. Requires the conveyance of a certain parcel of land from the department of education to the county of Kauai. Appropriates funds.	WAL, EDN, FIN
HB 1918 Status	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Extends the sunset date for the historic preservation tax credit to December 31, 2030, and incrementally increases the cap on the total tax credits from \$1,000,000 in the 2025 taxable year to \$4,000,000 in the 2030 taxable year.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 1901 Status	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Expands the definition of "historic property" for purposes of the historic preservation program. Exempts state projects on state-owned buildings from state historic preservation division review unless the affected property is more than one hundred years old or on or being added to the Hawaii register of historic places or the national register of historic places.	WAL, JHA



HB 1928 Status	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Requires the state historic preservation division to approve or make a determination within forty-five days on a properly completed and submitted application for public and private work. Deems the application to be approved if state historic preservation division does not make a determination within forty-five days. If the application is rejected, requires state historic preservation division to explain in writing.	WAL, JHA
HB 1529 Status	RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS. Allows any burial council member whose term has expired to continue in office as a holdover member until the member's reappointment to a second term is confirmed or a successor is nominated and appointed.	WAL, JHA
HB 1544 Status	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES. Adds a minimum penalty of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$60,000 per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 1900 Status	RELATING TO HYDROLOGIC DATA COLLECTION. Appropriates funds to improve the State's water resource management and hydrologic data collection.	WAL, FIN
HB 1781 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Establishes the Panaewa community development district to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii. Amends membership of the Hawaii community development authority to include representatives of the Panaewa community development district.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 2724 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Creates the Kona community development district to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Kona, on the island of Hawaii. Amends the Hawaii community development authority membership to include members of Kona. Requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to seek federal grants and loans from the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program for the construction of a correctional project within the new development district.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 1902 Status	RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Clarifies that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the state constitution. Clarifies the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan. Clarifies the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency. Shortens the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours.	WAL, JHA, FIN



<u>HB 1835</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT. Establishes the distribution management advisory board to develop and advise on the statewide distribution management plan.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1930</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning, design, and construction for a warehouse to expand the Hawaii emergency management agency's ability to store and deploy supplies and equipment to all counties within the State.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 2611</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. Statutorily establishes a Department of Land and Natural Resources transaction fee for each recording in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fees, including transaction fees, for recordings in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court separate from the administrative rulemaking process. Amends the authorized uses of moneys in the bureau of conveyances special fund. Repeals language that required the Bureau of Conveyances' microfilm fees to be established by rules. Effective 1/1/2025.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1922</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WILDLIFE. Expands the department of land and natural resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule deemed necessary to protect certain wildlife. Expands the board of land and natural resources' authority to temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data.	WAL, JHA
<u>HB 2473</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION PROGRAMS. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to operate and approve conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1592</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND. Increases the maximum amount of conveyance tax revenues allocated to the land conservation fund.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1581</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WILDFIRE PREVENTION. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to develop a native plant nurseries and seed bank initiative program.	WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1841</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to DLNR for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response.	WAL, FIN



[HB 2174](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE.

WAL, JHA, FIN

Repeals the existing conditions under which government entities may seek reimbursement for search or rescue expenses and instead requires the State to impose and collect a fee for search or rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter an area closed to the public or hiking on a trail closed to the public, with a sign giving notice of the closure.

[HB 1948](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES.

WAL, JHA

Prohibits any law, ordinance, or rule from establishing restrictions on the type of gear used for subsistence fishing.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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