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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024
TIME: 10:15 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 430
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2478](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT. WAL, JHA
Authorizes the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.
Establishes procedures for selection and succession of commissioners.

[HB 2479](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS. WAL, JHA
Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve permits for research, education, management, or propagation purposes that include the taking of sand, dead coral, coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits seaward of the shoreline.



HB 1554 Status	RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES. Expands the department of land and natural resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule deemed necessary to protect certain aquatic life. 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 light of newly available technology, or in light of newly available data.	WAL, JHA
HB 1546 Status	RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS. Amends the definition of "beach restoration" used in laws governing the Board of Land and Natural Resources' powers to engage in beach restoration to include activities undertaken to improve eroded beaches and degraded dune systems and to remove abandoned and remnant manmade materials that pose a risk to the health of the public and ecosystem.	WAL, JHA
HB 2180 Status	RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. Prohibits development in special management areas unless the development is first found to not be located in a sea level rise exposure area.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 2693 Status	RELATING TO HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION. Establishes the Cultural Corridor Authority to develop plans to redevelop areas affected by disaster while maintaining historic and cultural preservation. Establishes an income tax credit to incentivize the voluntary relinquishment of real property located in areas affected by disaster. Directs the Attorney General to commence eminent domain proceedings for certain purposes. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 2694 Status	RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES. Establishes an income tax credit to incentivize the voluntary relinquishment of private water systems. Directs the Attorney General to commence eminent domain proceedings in certain counties. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	WAL, JHA, FIN
HB 2476 Status	RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT. Designates all ocean waters of the State within 3,000 feet from shore as ocean recreation management areas (ORMAs). Prohibits commercial activity in ORMAs unless authorized by use permit. Prohibits commercial activities in ORMAs on weekends and state and federal holidays unless authorized by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.	WAL, JHA
HB 2475 Status	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY. Includes advertisements and offers in the definition of "commercial activity" as used in chapter 200, HRS. Provides that advertisements or offers for commercial activity are prima facie evidence that the owner disseminated or directed dissemination of such advertisements or offers.	WAL, CPC



[HB 1919](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES.

WAL, FIN

Establishes a state boating facility lease pilot program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to lease one state small boat harbor for private development, management, maintenance, and operation in a county with a population of less than 900,000. Repeals provisions related to the leasing of fast lands and submerged lands of the Ala Wai boat harbor. Repeals on 6/30/2044.

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 9:00 AM** No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 1809](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION COMMERCIAL PERMITS.

WAL, JHA, FIN

Requires that any newly established ocean recreation management area include the same or greater number of commercial use permits as the number of permits applicable to the area before the establishment of the ocean recreation management area.

[HB 2477](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN RECREATION OPERATIONS.

WAL, FIN

Specifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources can issue new ocean recreation commercial use permits by unsealed public auction. Revises provisions relating to boating and ocean recreation fees and permits. Specifies how commercial use permits may be issued where a permit limit has been exceeded.

[HB 2626](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FISHPONDS.

WAL, JHA, FIN

Appropriates funds to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to create a standard lease application and programmatic environmental impact statement to streamline the process of leasing government-owned Hawaiian fishponds, prioritizing community co-managed organizations and projects.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Linda Ichiyama
Chair

