

THE SENATE
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2026
TIME: 3:10 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: EIG

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The Legislature is accepting written, videoconference, and in-person testimony at public hearings.
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These bills were originally scheduled to be heard on Monday, February 9, 2026, but due to the severe weather event over the weekend, the hearing was cancelled. All testimony previously submitted will be available to the committee and posted on the Legislature's website prior to the hearing and therefore, does not need to be resubmitted. New testimony will be accepted.

A G E N D A

[SB 2373](#)

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RELATING TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION.

AEN/EIG, WAM

Establishes a state goal to strengthen nature-based carbon emissions reduction solutions. Directs certain state agencies to identify opportunities for investing in nature-based solutions that reduce carbon emissions. Authorizes the Hawaii State Energy Office to develop methodologies to quantify carbon emissions reductions through marine ecosystem restoration and nature-based solutions. Requires a report to the Legislature.

[SB 2101](#)

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.

AEN/EIG, WAM

Establishes statewide goals for solid waste reduction and organic waste diversion. Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to reduce all organic waste produced within the county by facilities generating more than a specified amount of organic waste per year in alignment with established state benchmarks. Appropriates funds.

<u>SB 2905</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Increases the environmental response, energy, and food security tax and the amount collected from the tax that is deposited into the electric vehicle charging system subaccount.	AEN/EIG, WAM
<u>SB 3231</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS. Requires condominium maps for lands within an agricultural district to include a letter signed by an appropriate county official or agency certifying that the condominium property regime will conform to county zoning laws. Authorizes counties to require the county's approval of the subdivision of parcels of land larger than ten acres prior to the effective date of the condominium property regime.	AEN/EIG, CPN
<u>SB 2486</u>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to contract with a third-party consultant to develop a Climate Protection Plan for delivery to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2029. Establishes a Climate Protection Advisory Committee to assist the third-party consultant. Appropriates funds.	EIG/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2376</u>	RELATING TO THE RENEWABLE FUELS PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT. For taxable years beginning 1/1/2026, clarifies that the Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit shall only be claimed by taxpayers for which qualified renewable fuels production costs are incurred within the State and sold for distribution within the State. Allows taxpayers to be eligible for a separate ten-year credit period for each separate qualified renewable fuels production that independently meets eligibility requirements. Extends the time frame for taxpayers to file certain statements with the Hawaii State Energy Office.	EIG/AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Please note the following:

- The number of oral testifiers and/or time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair when necessary to adhere to the committee hearing schedule. We may not be able to accommodate everyone who requests to testify orally.
- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **2 minutes** each.

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Chair

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