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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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A G E N D A

[SB 2606](#)

[Status &
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RELATING TO WILDLIFE.
Establishes the Freshwater State Recreation Area Wildlife
Sanctuary Corporation.

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[SB 3253](#)

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RELATING TO CONSERVATION.
Establishes the Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary as a nonprofit
group to work with the Department of Land and Natural
Resources to support conservation, wildlife preservation, and
ancillary programs by establishing sanctuaries in the State.

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[SB 237](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING.
Expands the authority of the State and counties to develop
adaptation pathways plans to modify and relocate infrastructure
away from critically threatened areas to locations outside sea
level rise and coastal flooding exposure areas. Appropriates
funds.

WLA/AEN, WAM

SB 3252 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CLIMATE PLANNING. Amends the powers and duties of the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Establishes a Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission Coordinator position to lead the Commission. Appropriates moneys. Requires annual reports to the Governor, Legislature, and counties.	WLA/AEN, WAM
SB 1178 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION INCENTIVES. Codifies and makes permanent the Hawaii Carbon Smart Land Management Assistance Program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	WLA/AEN, WAM
SB 2322 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS. Requires that an environmental assessment be conducted and an environmental impact statement be prepared for any proposed use within historic properties considered significant or recognized as a traditional cultural property.	WLA/AEN, JDC
SB 2019 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to accept the transfer of and manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to request information related to easements prior to any transfer of certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands. Requires approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity and an approved feasible and funded action plan before pasture lands are removed for reforestation or other public purposes.	WLA/AEN, JDC
SB 3043 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HUNTING. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules regarding safe and humane hunting practices of feral pigs and hunting dog welfare standards. Establishes requirements for the hunter education program instruction. Includes the use of dogs to torture wildlife or game mammals as torture in the second degree.	WLA/AEN, JDC/WAM
SB 3014 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WILDLIFE. Increases the fines for taking or harassing protected turtles in the State.	WLA/AEN, JDC
SB 2972 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO OAHU CORAL REEF RESTORATION. Temporarily prohibits the taking by spearing of uhu or kala in state marine waters around the island of Oahu, and prohibits the commercial sale of uhu and kala so taken, until the Division of Aquatic Resources' Holomua Marine Initiative process adopts applicable regulations.	WLA/AEN, JDC
SB 1190 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to support its initiatives to control and eradicate invasive species in the State.	WLA/AEN, WAM

SB 2488

**Status &
Testimony**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.
Establishes the position of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
Executive Director. Appropriates funds to the Department of
Land and Natural Resources, rather than the Department of
Agriculture and Biosecurity, for the HISC for fiscal year
2026-2027. Requires a report to the Legislature.

WLA/AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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