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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 16, 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

<a href="#">HB 1860, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1023-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Designates the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Exempts state funds received by the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra from chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WLA, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1815, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR767-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS. Explicitly applies existing grant standards to Performing Arts Grants Program grants under the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WLA, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2117, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1022-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Establishes the Mapping of Arts Data for Education Task Force to conduct a study and develop a comprehensive, publicly available statewide database and geographic information systems map of arts entities and programs engaged in arts and arts education. Requires interim and final reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WLA, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2426, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR888-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO STATE PARKS. Authorizes and appropriates funds for the expansion of Wailuku River State Park. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to exercise the power of eminent domain for the expansion of Wailuku River State Park. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WLA, WAM/JDC

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1881, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1185-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO LAND USE.  Prohibits passenger ropeways on mountain lands within all land use districts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WLA, JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1918, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR890-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.  Imposes conveyance tax on the transfer of a controlling interest of an entity with an interest in real property. Stipulates that the imposition of the conveyance tax on transfers of entity ownership shall not apply to any transfer of interest or acquisition between entities wholly owned by the same common ownership that results in no change in the beneficial ownership. Imposes the conveyance tax on certain transfers of real property at the lowest tax rate. Imposes liability on the transferee in the event that the transferor of the controlling interest does not pay the tax due. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WLA, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1802, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR876-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS.  Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources and certain public or private entities to operate conservation banks, subject to approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources, for situations where a person or entity is required to provide compensatory mitigation to offset adverse impacts to threatened, endangered, candidate, or proposed species as part of an approved incidental take license and habitat conservation plan. Adds the associate director of the United States Geological Survey, Ecosystem Mission Area, to the membership of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee. Requires the Endangered Species Recovery Committee to review applications and proposals for conservation banks and conduct subsequent reviews and oversight. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WLA, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 2544, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR886-26)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.  Makes permanent, rather than repealing upon the adoption of relevant administrative rules, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' authority to establish a transaction fee for certain services rendered by the Bureau of Conveyances for each recording in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court. 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 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WLA, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair