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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Via Videoconference

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
To comply with social distancing requirements, only written and videoconference testimony will be accepted. If you wish to testify via videoconference you must also submit written testimony.

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A G E N D A

SB 560 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING. Establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and special elections of vacant county council seats.	PSM, JDC
SB 645 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAXATION. Extends the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions, from 3/31/2019 to 12/31/2021. Authorizes the use of county surcharge revenues for affordable and workforce housing infrastructure.	PSM, WAM
SB 648 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION. Specifies that a government agency does not assume ownership or jurisdiction over a disputed road solely through maintenance or repair activities. Authorizes the State to transfer ownership of roads in favor of counties by quitclaim if requested by the county.	PSM, JDC
SB 700 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE. Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for all or a portion of search and rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter a prohibited area or hiking on a trail closed to the public.	PSM, JDC
SB 568 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY. Clarifies that persons that enter private property for recreational purposes have no cause of action, unless exempted under law. Requires a court to award attorneys' fees and costs to landowners if plaintiffs bring unreasonable claims. States that, as a matter of law, persons participating in outdoor recreational activities accept the inherent dangers in the activities.	PSM, JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- Videoconference testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **1 minute** each.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair