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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2022
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
TIMESLOT: WTL

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SB 2946

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RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for water source infrastructure and the maintenance and improvement to the Peekauai Ditch Irrigation System located on Kauai.

AEN/WTL, WAM

SB 2996

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ANTS.

Appropriates \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR402) for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ants.

AEN/WTL, WAM

SB 3014

[Status & Testimony](#)

~~RELATING TO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS.~~

~~Requires any person, before engaging in an activity with a high likelihood of resulting in an incidental take of a threatened or endangered species, to enter into a planning process with DLNR for the purpose of preparing and implementing a habitat conservation plan. Requires habitat conservation plans to include additional components.~~

~~AEN/WTL, JDC
[Measure deleted on 2/14/22]~~

SB 2964

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

Authorizes recreational athletic venues and cultural activities on existing golf courses within agricultural districts.

AEN/WTL, JDC

<p>SB 2664 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO. Creates a classification of agricultural public lands entitled "taro lands". Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create an inventory of lands classified as taro lands.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2665 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO. Prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources, in declaring residential development areas and acquiring lands therein, from disturbing wetland taro lands and infrastructure on undeveloped lands. Establishes a fourth class--taro lands classification for public lands. Permits structures for lo'i taro fields in the agricultural district. Establishes growth and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian crops as a goal of the State Planning Act. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources, with the Taro Security and Purity Task Force, to create an inventory of taro lands.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3011 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES. Updates certain state leasing statutes to maximize the benefit to the State of agricultural lands and to help the State achieve its economic and food production goals.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2480 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE WAHIAWA IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Agribusiness Development Corporation to purchase the Wahiawa Irrigation System on the island of Oahu.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3299 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recognize that game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable food source and play a role in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, merit quality habitat, and should be managed to reduce impacts and provide benefits in reducing grass fire fuel and weed control to important watershed areas and native habitat; sustainability of natural habitats reduces negative impacts to important watershed areas; and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean requires careful consideration and management of land and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust responsibilities of the State. Requires each department, office, or agency of the State to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. Requires reports to the Legislature.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2023 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to utilize the current state-of-the-art knowledge in marine finfish hatchery production to establish a functional system to provide pua 'ama and pua awa to stock loko i'a.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, JDC</p>

SB 2074

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~~RELATING TO RECREATIONAL AQUACULTURE.
Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to designate the Nuuanu Reservoir Number Four as a state recreation area. Requires the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to amend administrative rules regarding the movement of invasive species to allow the stocking of certain fish in the Nuuanu Reservoir Number Four for recreational fishing. Appropriates funds.~~

WTL/AEN, WAM
[Measure deleted
on 2/14/22]

SB 2768

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS.
Authorizes the governor to designate the department of land and natural resources to administer or enter into an agreement for the administration of a green jobs youth corps to provide temporary work and training opportunities in the fields of natural resource management, agriculture, or other sustainability-related professions to young adults ages twenty-six and younger. Requires the department to partner with an organization that has received accreditation from the Corps Center of Excellence Accreditation Program or has at least ten years of experience providing similar programming statewide in the State, or both. Appropriates funds.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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