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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 28, 2022  
TIME: 1:10 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
TIMESLOT: WTL

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A G E N D A

**SB 2056**

Status &  
Testimony

RELATING TO SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS.  
Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct a study of the suitability of the State's current soil overall (master) productivity rating system classified by the Land Study Bureau's detailed land classification. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

WTL/AEN, WAM

**SB 2068**

**Status &  
Testimony**

RELATING TO LAND MANAGEMENT.

WTL/AEN,  
WAM/JDC

Repeals board approval requirements for transfers of certain public lands classified for agricultural use by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. Requires the Department of Agriculture to accept the transfer of and manage certain qualifying non-conservation, non-agricultural park lands. Requires the Department of Agriculture, prior to offering a lease, to inquire with the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding any easements required for access to landlocked forest reserves or other assets on the lands subject to the lease. Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend and extend certain leases for the lease to qualify for certain financing. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend and extend existing pasture leases and to issue new pasture leases by negotiation in furtherance of public purposes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture are responsible for promoting. Requires the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to seek approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources before removing pasture lands for reforestation. Requires the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to submit a funded action plan for reforestation on current pasture lands.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair

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