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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
TIME: 8:30AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 444](#)
[Status](#)

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE
AND PROTECT THE INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF
ALL PEOPLE TO CLEAN WATER AND AIR, A HEALTHFUL
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE, HEALTHY NATIVE
ECOSYSTEMS, AND BEACHES.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to ensure that the inherent and inalienable right of the people, including future generations, to clean water and air, a healthful environment and climate, healthy native ecosystems, and beaches, shall be protected and shall not be infringed.

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| HB 1396 Status | RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Establishes and appropriates funds for a pilot program within the environmental management division of the department of health to work with each county to identify a priority area to expand the county sewage system or other centralized treatment system to connect individual properties in the priority area and reduce or eliminate cesspools in the identified area. | EEP/WAL, HLT, FIN |
| HB 440 Status | RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Establishes an income tax credit for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a director of health-approved wastewater system or connecting to a sewerage system. Requires certain information regarding cesspools on real property to be included in seller mandatory disclosures on real property transactions. | EEP/WAL, HLT, FIN |
| HB 180 Status | RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Creates within the Department of Health's wastewater branch a cesspool conversion section, which will be responsible for facilitating the conversion of cesspools within the State. Establishes 2.0 full-time equivalent positions within the cesspool conversion section in fiscal year 2023-2024, and 2.0 additional full-time equivalent positions within the section in fiscal year 2024-2025. Appropriates moneys. | EEP/WAL, HLT, FIN |
| HB 181 Status | RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Implements the recommendation of the cesspool conversion working group to accelerate the dates for required upgrades, conversions, or connections of priority level 1 cesspools and priority level 2 cesspools by requiring priority level 1 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2030, and priority level 2 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2035, rather than before 1/1/2050. | EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN |
| HB 587 Status | RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT. Requires each county to submit to the Legislature a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan report that addresses and identifies the county's wastewater management needs, including financial needs. | EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN |
| HB 195 Status | RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real time by 1/1/2024. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to adopt self-certification for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible. Makes the professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape architects licensure law inapplicable to work with respect to residential distributed energy resource systems and increases the estimated cost of work on certain structures below which that licensure law is inapplicable. | EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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