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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
TIME: 9:30 AM
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A G E N D A

[HB 905](#)
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RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER YIELDS.
Requires the University of Hawaii to develop a flexible model for setting sustainable groundwater yields that is inclusive of the needs of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices, climate change history and projections, and groundwater seepage at the shoreline. Appropriates funds.

WAL, HET, FIN

[HB 909](#)
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RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.
Establishes the water neutrality turf replacement program to provide financial incentives to replace irrigated turf with turf or other plants that use less water. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to administer the program. Appropriates moneys.

WAL, ECD, FIN



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| <u>HB 756</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO LAND USE. Requires the department of land and natural resources to prepare plans and a program to facilitate voluntary relocation of residential development away from areas at risk of sea level rise. Establishes the sea level rise relocation special fund. Requires the department of land and natural resources to complete and maintain a current inventory of all public lands that are located outside the sea level rise exposure and special flood hazard areas. Allows the exchange of public land for private lands for the transfer of development rights or land exchanges to relocate private development away from high risk areas. Expands the climate change adaptation priority guidelines. Appropriates funds. | WAL, EEP, FIN |
| <u>HB 1092</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION. Expands the authority of the State and the counties and develops funding to begin utilizing managed retreat as an option for voluntarily moving residential development and associated infrastructure away from critically vulnerable areas to locations outside of sea level rise and coastal flooding exposure areas, including through a pilot program on the North Shore of Oahu. | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 847</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE. Requires government entities to seek reimbursement for all or a portion of search or rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter an area closed to the public or hiking on a trail closed to the public. | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 908</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND. Amends the amount of conveyance tax to be deposited into the land conservation fund. | WAL, CPC, FIN |
| <u>HB 1037</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS. Amends section 2 of Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to reflect the migration of the Office of Homeland Security from the Department of Defense to the Department of Law Enforcement on January 1, 2024. | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1493</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS AND CYBERSECURITY DATA CENTER. Appropriates funds for the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center. | WAL, HET, FIN |
| <u>HB 1313</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY. Establishes the Haiku valley cultural preserve commission with OHA to provide policy and management oversight of the Haiku valley cultural preserve. Establishes the Haiku valley cultural preserve special fund. Initiates the process of conveying Haiku valley in fee simple to the office of Hawaiian affairs. Appropriates funds. | WAL, JHA, FIN |



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| <u>HB 1385</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.</p> <p>Authorizes the designation of areas or regions of public lands classified as commercial and industrial; hotel, apartment, and motel; or resort, and the establishment and implementation of guidelines for the redevelopment of the areas or regions that will: (1) modernize the policies for the management of public lands in the designated area; (2) establish a plan for the designated area, including district-wide improvements, that is coordinated with state and county land use and planning policies; and (3) implement asset and property management concepts that can optimize income from the properties and evolve in response to changing principles of property administration. Designates the public lands on the Waiakea peninsula on the island of Hawaii as the Waiakea peninsula redevelopment district. Appropriates funds.</p> | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1243</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO THE EAST HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.</p> <p>Establishes the East Hawaii Community Development District and board. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer certain leases within the district to the board. Appropriates moneys.</p> | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 1318</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.</p> <p>Transfers from the Department of Natural Resources certain wharfs, launching ramps, and small boat harbors on Maui to the County of Maui with the corresponding revenue from those harbors.</p> | WAL, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 245</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO VESSELS.</p> <p>Prohibits a vessel from being fumigated on ocean waters. Allows an owner whose vessel is required to be fumigated on ocean waters to apply for an exemption from the division of boating and ocean recreation. Requires any vessel granted an exemption to be fully covered and sealed while being fumigated and for any period of time thereafter needed to prevent fumigant or other chemicals from entering ocean waters.</p> | WAL, JHA |
| <u>HB 328</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS.</p> <p>Authorizes the department of land and natural resources to establish and operate conservation mitigation banks to restore, create, enhance, or preserve conservation habitats or resources as compensatory mitigation. Authorizes the department to contract a third-party administrator for the operation of the mitigation banks. Clarifies the sale of credits involved in conservation mitigation banking. Defines "conservation mitigation bank". Effective 1/1/2024.</p> | WAL, FIN |
| <u>HB 418</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds for repairing warning sirens on the island of Hawaii.</p> | WAL, FIN |
| <u>HB 522</u> <u>Status</u> | <p>RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.</p> <p>Removes the ability for a Mayor or the Governor to suspend electronic media transmission during a state of emergency.</p> | WAL, JHA |



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| HB 571 Status | RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION. Appropriates funds for the Kaho‘olawe island reserve commission. Appropriates funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent positions. | WAL, FIN |
| HB 701 Status | RELATING TO POHOIKI BOAT RAMP. Appropriates funds to dredge the boat ramp at Pohoiki bay, Puna. | WAL, FIN |
| HB 754 Status | RELATING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources' state historic preservation division for a library digitization process and for the division's operations. | WAL, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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