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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: HWN

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A G E N D A

SB 2589 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BURIAL SITES. Increases the penalty for the desecration of Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian burial sites from a misdemeanor to a felony.	HWN/WTL, JDC
SB 2590 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BURIAL SITES. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to amend the definitions of "inadvertent discovery" and "previously identified" in the HAR, to better protect burial sites.	HWN/WTL, JDC
SB 2591 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BURIAL SITES. Allows individuals and ohana members to access burial sites on privately owned lands to identify, monitor, or record burial sites, or to conduct cultural practices related to burial sites.	HWN/WTL, JDC
SB 2592 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BURIAL SITES. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to amend the definition of "cultural descendant", in HAR, to more accurately capture relationships between individuals and families.	HWN/WTL, JDC

<p><u>SB 2653</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.</p> <p>Allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume historic preservation review of any proposed project for lands under its jurisdiction except for projects affecting properties listed or nominated for inclusion in the Hawaii register of historic places or the national register of historic places.</p>	<p>HWN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2165</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to inventory historic properties and burial sites in the State, collect data on burial site locations, and conduct an archaeological surface survey.</p>	<p>WTL/HWN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2295</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.</p> <p>Establishes an inter-division program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources consisting of the State Historic Preservation Division, Land Division, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Island Burial Councils, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that addresses the location, movement, and restoration of Hawaiian burial sites or 'iwi, exposed or likely to be exposed to coastal erosion. Makes an appropriation.</p>	<p>WTL/HWN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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