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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: WTL

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A G E N D A

SB 2960 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FARMERS. Requires that lessees and purchasers of farm lots and ranch lots use that land for farming and producing food. Authorizes agricultural cooperatives to apply for farmlands.	WTL/AEN, JDC
SB 3161 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION OF THREATENED SPECIES. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue temporary threatened species licenses and draft administrative rules for the conservation of threatened species.	WTL/AEN, JDC
SB 3338 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WATER. Establishes a WAI policy coordinator and other positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill remediation special fund. Appropriates funds.	WTL/AEN, WAM/JDC
SB 3339 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE RED HILL REMEDIATION AUTHORITY. Establishes the Red Hill remediation authority. Creates the Red Hill remediation special fund.	WTL/AEN, WAM/JDC

<p>SB 2184 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING. Expands the authority of the State and counties to develop adaptation pathways plans to modify and relocate infrastructure away from critically threatened areas to locations outside sea level rise and coastal flooding exposure areas. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3300 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. Requires county planning commissions, county councils, and designated authorities on coastal zone management to seek to minimize, where reasonable, any risk to development from sea level rise and other coastal hazards.</p>	<p>WTL/AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2373 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to various irrigation systems.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2596 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Clarifies that the Land Use Commission's decision-making for the adoption of county maps for the designation of important agricultural lands shall be through a rulemaking proceeding. Establishes an incentive that allows farm cluster housing on important agricultural lands under certain conditions and requires permitting agencies to establish a priority processing procedure for the farm cluster housings. Repeals existing law that governs farm dwellings and employee housing on important agricultural lands.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, JDC/WAM</p>
<p>SB 2575 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, under certain conditions. Prohibits the issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, JDC</p>
<p>SB 2803 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE KOHALA DITCH. Makes the Department of Agriculture responsible for the routine maintenance of the Kohala ditch. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop a plan for the refurbishment of the Kohala ditch and submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2932 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects per the agricultural infrastructure of the State, a food and product innovation network, and outstanding debt on the Waiahole water system. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.</p>	<p>AEN/WTL, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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