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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2024  
TIME: 3:01 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: GVO

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[SB 2976](#)

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RELATING TO WATER.

Requires each county board of water supply or water board to prioritize the sustainable recharge of aquifers, ensure the health of watersheds, and, when allocating water for new development, prioritize the development of affordable housing over other types of development. Provides that these requirements shall not be construed to affect allocations of water for agricultural purposes or developments under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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