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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2025
TIME: 1:50 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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A G E N D A

SB 1232

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.

Establishes a three-year New Wastewater Technology Testing Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to test and evaluate new wastewater technology systems in coordination with University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, College of Engineering, Department of Health, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the appropriate county agencies. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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SB 686

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM.

Establishes short-term management initiatives for the coconut rhinoceros beetle response program. Appropriates funds for activities and positions related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control.

HRE/AEN, WAM

SB 657

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT.

Appropriates funds for the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology within the University of Hawaii to establish and operate a Center for Climate Resilient Development.

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Requires the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine to construct, establish, and operate a disease and environmental toxins testing laboratory to test samples submitted by the public for diseases; water, air, and soil quality; and complex testing. Requires a report to the Legislature. Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds. Appropriates funds.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair

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