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COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
TIME: 9:00am  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 411  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D   A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB738**

**HB-738**  
**Status**

**RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION:**  
**Creates a process for expediting the review of residential transit-oriented development on certain parcels within county-designated transit-oriented development zones that have a low risk of affecting historically significant resources. Authorizes lead agencies, including county governments, to make determinations on the potential effects of a project. Creates a ninety-day limit to concur or not concur with project effect determinations. Provides that projects with written concurrence are exempt from further review unless there is a significant change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area.**

**WAL, HSG, JHA**



<a href="#"><u>HB 1144</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM. Amend sections 6E-3 and 76-16(b), HRS, to allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to employ both civil service and non-civil service professional and technical staff in its State Historic Preservation Program.	WAL, LAB, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 12</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY. Clarifies that persons who enter private property for recreational purposes have no cause of action, unless exempted under law. Requires courts to award attorneys' fees and costs to landowners if plaintiffs bring unreasonable actions. Establishes, as a matter of law, that persons participating in outdoor recreational activities accept the inherent risks, dangers, or hazards in the activities. Clarifies the definitions for "recreational purpose" and "recreational user".	WAL, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 29</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES. Authorizes counties, after adoption of an ordinance, to sell private property after all notices, orders, and appeal proceedings are exhausted, and to use those revenues to pay unpaid civil fines related to that property.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 175</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. Requires owners, lessees, or managers of real property to maintain their property and establish penalties for failure to do so. Allows for exceptions.	WAL, JHA, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 331</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO PERMITS. Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of any state department or agency, under certain conditions. Clarifies that contracts for the construction, renovation, or repair of facilities under the control of the department of education, university of Hawaii, or school facilities authority shall be exempt from county permitting requirements that related off-site improvements be made by the contracting government agency as a condition to the issuance of any permit.	WAL, CPC, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 3</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. Extends the deadline for the university of Hawaii sea grant college program to submit the north shore beach management plan to the governor and legislature.	WAL, HED, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 309</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO FISHPONDS. Establishes a fishpond inventory working group within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to create an inventory and map of all state-owned fishponds and conduct a literature review. Appropriates funds.	WAL, HED, FIN



[HB 306](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.  
Adds a minimum penalty of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$60,000 per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to determine the amount of the penalty based on the circumstances of the violation.

WAL, JHA, FIN

[HB 505](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RED HILL.  
Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund.

WAL, EEP, FIN

[HB 305](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LAND RESTORATION.  
Creates the Aloha Aina Land Trust to rehabilitate and manage lands transferred by the United States military to the State after the leases for those lands expires. Appropriates funds.

WAL, JHA, FIN

### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Mark J. Hashem  
Chair

