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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
TIME: 1:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

<u>SB 22</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FISHERIES. Exempts actions involving the operation and management of fisheries in the State from environmental review requirements.	WTL/AEN, JDC
<u>SB 150</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RED HILL. Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 315</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FERAL PIGS. Creates an expedited permitting process to authorize the destruction or control of feral pigs on privately owned land, if the feral pigs have caused or are likely to cause substantial damage to agricultural or aquacultural crops, indigenous plants or wildlife, or pose a threat to human health and safety.	WTL/AEN, JDC
<u>SB 548</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL. Appropriates funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to ensure their long-term viability and continue to control and eradicate invasive species in the State.	WTL/AEN, WAM

<u>SB 677</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO A CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish a Hawaii climate adaptation and resilience implementation plan and updates to the plan every five years thereafter. Appropriates funds.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 739</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE. Allows the governor to negotiate land exchanges to acquire lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange for land for private affordable housing development. Requires report to legislature.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 746</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes and appropriates moneys for a two-year pilot program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources that incentivizes community members to collect and submit the coconut rhinoceros beetle and its larvae for compensation.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 1074</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. Allows a previously authorized or permitted activity or operations to continue operation while the appropriate agency determines whether the activity or operation is subject to or exempt from the environmental review process when challenged. Allows a person with oversight of a previously authorized or permitted activity to renew the appropriate permits while under the environmental review process.	WTL/AEN, JDC
<u>SB 1267</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. Transfers the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for administrative purposes. Removes the manager of the Coastal Zone Management Program from the Commission. Adds a representative from the University of Hawaii to the Commission.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 1085</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa agricultural park and Panaewa farm lots.	AEN/WTL, WAM
<u>SB 1086</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to finance capital improvement projects for irrigation systems.	AEN/WTL, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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