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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 946, SD2, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1405\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.
Clarifies that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after 12/31/2026 includes treatment plants. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

EEP, WAL, JHA

[SB 849, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1372\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.
Prohibits and imposes penalties for the intentional taking, harming, or killing of 'Io (Hawaiian hawk). Increases penalties and fees for taking and killing indigenous species of aquatic life, wildlife, and land plants that are native to the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, JHA

[SB 330, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1412\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION.
Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to enforce federal quarantines. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR/ECD, JHA



[SB 1393, SD1, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1482\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS.
Requires the School Facilities Authority to consult with the Department of Education and other impacted departments or agencies before the conveyance of ownership rights or lease of lands to the School Facilities Authority. Repeals the requirement that the Department of Education transfer title to lands it holds upon request of the School Facilities Authority. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

EDN, WAL, JHA

[SB 321, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1401\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
Provides that fee simple absolute title of a privately owned highway, road, alley, street, way, lane, bikeway, bridge, or trail is deemed transferred to adjacent property owners or the community association if certain conditions are met. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

TRN, WAL, JHA

[SB 66, SD2, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1488\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.
Requires permits to be issued by applicable permitting agencies within sixty days of a complete application being filed for certain single-family and multi-family housing projects if certain conditions are satisfied. Automatically deems approved a permit that is either not otherwise approved by the applicable permitting agency within sixty days or for which the applicant has agreed to all changes or recommendations to the plans and specifications made by the applicable permitting agency. Pauses the sixty day permit review period under certain circumstances. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HSG, WAL, JHA

[SB 1170, SD2, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1435\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.
Authorizes the director of a county planning department to issue a special management area use permit to redevelop permanent affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed as result of certain natural disasters and requires county planning departments and any other applicable state or county department or agency to prioritize approving permits for these redevelopments, with certain exceptions. Exempts permanently affordable multi-family rental housing projects within the special management area that are being redeveloped and are located on properties or districts on the state or national historic register from environmental impact statement requirements. Permits county planning departments and any other applicable state or county department or agency to amend or modify final plans and specifications for redevelopment of an existing experimental and demonstration housing project, with certain restrictions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

WAL, HSG, JHA



[SB 1263, SD2, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR1486\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.
Creates a process for expediting the review of majority-residential mixed-use transit-oriented development or 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, or thirty-calendar-day limit if no historic property is to be affected, to concur or not concur with project effect determinations. Exempts projects with written concurrence from further review unless there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area. Establishes notice and reporting requirements if there is a change to the project or additional historic properties, aviation artifacts, or burial sites are identified within the project area after the initial written concurrence. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HSG, WAL, JHA

[SB 79, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1434\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS.
Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any proposed housing projects that may affect a historical property, an aviation artifact, or a burial site within ninety days of a request for determination. Establishes historic review requirements based on the project area's known historic, cultural, and archaeological resources. Establishes procedures and notification requirements if previously unidentified human remains or previously unidentified historic or cultural resources are discovered. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HSG, JHA

[SB 15, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1375\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.
Amends the definition of "historic property" to require that the property is over 50 years old and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places. Excludes proposed projects on existing residential property and proposed projects that are in nominally sensitive areas from the State's Historic Preservation Program review, under certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, JHA

[SB 1074, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1398\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.
Allows an activity or operation that is permitted or authorized under chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and renewed within twelve months preceding the initiation of proceedings to determine whether the activity or operation is subject to environmental review to continue operation for one year while the appropriate agency makes the determination and conducts any necessary environmental review. Allows a person with oversight of the activity or operation to renew the appropriate permits while under the environmental review process. Sunsets 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EHP/WAL, JHA

[SB 1511, SD1, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1403\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HANAIEI BAY.
Prohibits vessels longer than seventy-five feet from entering Hanalei Bay. Exempts vessels operated by a federal, state, or county agency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, JHA



[SB 1099, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1409\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.
Authorizes the Land Use Commission to designate county or state lands as important agricultural lands, and adopt maps for the designated lands, in counties that fail to identify and recommend important agricultural lands by 12/31/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, AGR, JHA

[SB 1582, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1465\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE COCONUT TREE.
Recognizes the coconut palm as a culturally significant plant and sustainable staple food source in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AGR, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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Rep. David A. Tarnas
Chair



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