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[COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND](#)

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

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| SB 561 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT. Appropriates funds for equipment for the Oahu Branch of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. | WTL, WAM |
| SB 1456 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS. Amends the definition of beach restoration to include activities undertaken to maintain and improve eroded beaches and degraded dune systems through the management of sand and native vegetation, placement of sand, and activities undertaken to remove abandoned and remnant materials that pose a risk to public and ecosystem health. | WTL, WAM |
| SB 1460 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO UPDATING PUBLIC LAND LEASES ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES. Requires that lease extensions approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources be drafted on forms that reflect contemporary leasing practices and policies of the Board, and which shall control over conflicting or inconsistent provisions in the lease being extended. | WTL, WAM |
| SB 1517 Status & Testimony | RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands for recreational-residential use by public lottery and restrict participation in the public lottery to residents of the county in which the leased land is located. | WTL, JDC |

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| <p><u>SB 465</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a study of the carrying capacity of Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor in the County of Kauai. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1511</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO HANAIEI BAY. Prohibits vessels longer than 75 feet from entering Hanalei Bay. Exempts vessels operated by a federal, state, or county agency.</p> | <p>WTL, JDC</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1019</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE OCEAN RECREATION SPECIAL FUND. Authorizes the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund to be used for planning, development, designing, or implementation of beach restoration projects, including the awarding of grants to nonprofit organizations for beach and nearshore environmental cleanup.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1457</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO OCEAN USER SAFETY. Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue interim rules regarding commercial and recreational use of water sports equipment.</p> | <p>WTL, CPN</p> |
| <p><u>SB 565</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO POLOLU VALLEY MANAGEMENT EFFORTS ON HAWAII ISLAND. Appropriates moneys for Pololu Valley management, including for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop the trailhead; develop the infrastructure necessary to accommodate parking; install appropriate informational, historical, and educational signage; design and construct restroom facilities; and establish positions to manage the trail area. Effective 7/1/2050.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1462</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO A STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCOME TAX CREDIT. Reenacts the Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit, establishes a cap of the tax credit at \$1,000,000, for taxable year 2025 to taxable year 2030, respectively, and repeals the tax credit on December 31, 2030.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1461</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES. Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations 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 consider certain factors when imposing penalties.</p> | <p>WTL, JDC [Measure deleted on 02/10/2025]</p> |
| <p><u>SB 1602</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to install two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Program. Requires reports to the Legislature.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>SB 830</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. Narrows the scope of the definition of the term "development" in coastal zone management law by excluding reconstruction of certain lawfully constructed structures impacted by certain events.</p> | <p>WTL, WAM</p> |

SB 1331

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO THE LAND STUDY BUREAU SOIL RATING SYSTEM.
Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in coordination with other agencies, to update the soil data used in the land study bureau soil rating system and create a mechanism for regular soil data updates. Appropriates funds.

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SB 1335

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE.
Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct an integrated land use study for the use of lands within the agricultural districts. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner position, exempt from chapter 76.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair