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[COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND](#)  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 14, 2025  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">HB 86, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1031)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the establishment of full-time equivalent permanent Makai Watch Coordinator positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WTL, WAM
<a href="#">HB 306, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1149)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES. Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the Commission on Water Resource Management must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines in five-year increments from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	WTL, JDC/WAM
<a href="#">HB 316, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1151)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to continue the Green Jobs Youth Corps program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WTL, WAM
<a href="#">HB 506, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1153)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WTL, WAM

<p><a href="#"><b>HB 510, HD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1085)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.  Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WTL, JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>HB 649, HD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1154)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS.  Establishes the Small Boat Harbor Commercial Vessel Special Fund. Increases moorage fees for commercial vessels. Requires that revenue from the fee increase be used by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for improvements that primarily benefit commercial vessels that utilize state small boat harbors. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds with debt service to be paid from special funds, for repairs of various harbors. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>HB 800, HD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1155)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.  Provides for the transfer of certain parcels in the Liliha Civic Center area and Iwilei Fire Station area from various state agencies to the City and County of Honolulu. Provides for the transfer of the parcel of land on which Alii Place is sited from the City and County of Honolulu to the State. Repeals the sunset provision of Act 4, SLH 2024. Requires the City and County of Honolulu to accept the properties transferred in satisfaction of all amounts owed by Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation under the Kapolei roadways, drainage, and sewer settlement. Exempts the lands transferred to the Department of Land and Natural Resources from the definition of public lands for purposes of chapter 171, HRS. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>HB 1137, HD2</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1093)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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 remnant materials that pose a risk to public and ecosystem health. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>HB 1141, HD1</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1084)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>HB 1278, HD2</b></a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1157)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL.  Appropriates funds for the assessment and removal of hazardous trees on state lands across Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1348, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1087)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.  Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands for recreation-residence use by public lottery and restrict participation in the public lottery to residents of the county in which the leased land is located. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>WTL, JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1316, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR978)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.  Beginning 1/1/2026, requires rental vessels to be registered and numbered with the Department of Land and Natural Resources before being rented or leased, or offered for rent or lease, by the public for transiting the navigable waters of a state park. Requires registration fees to be deposited into the State Parks Special Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM/CPN</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1359, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR979)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION.  Establishes a grant program for drainage system maintenance and flood mitigation measures in residential areas, to be administered by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>WTL, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair