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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE:     Thursday, January 14, 2025  
TIME:     11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE:    Conference Room 224  
            State Capitol  
            415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to highlight the urgent threat climate change poses to Hawai'i. Rising sea levels, extreme weather, and ecosystem disruptions threaten homes, livelihoods, cultural practices, and vital resources. Coastal erosion endangers infrastructure and sacred sites, while changes in rainfall and temperature impact agriculture, water supply, and biodiversity. Climate change also worsens social and economic disparities, disproportionately affecting marginalized groups. Immediate action is critical as the window for effective solutions is closing.

This briefing aims to:

- Provide an overview of current climate trends and projected impacts.
- Highlight the pressing need for immediate and decisive action.
- Present actionable solutions tailored to Hawai'i's unique environment and communities.
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders to implement sustainable strategies.

Presentations by:

- Youth Voices on Climate
- Chip Fletcher, Interim Dean – School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), UH Mānoa

- Kainan Miranda and Melissa Pavlicek, Care for Aina Now
- Amy Wirts, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands
- Laura Ka'akua, Hawa'i Department of Transportation
- Kiana Otsuka, Senior Transportation Planner, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)
- Stuart Coleman, Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations (WAI)
- Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO)
- Dr. Susan Crow, Professor – Soil Ecology and Soil Health, UH Mānoa
- Paul Bernstein, Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawai'i,

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair

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Senator Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate