

DA: 1.16.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 1/16/24 - 1/19/2024

### **End of Week Debrief**

- Governor released the \$500k Food & Product Innovation Network funding.
  - Actively drafting MOA with UH CDC
- 1/23/24 Property Manager Start Date
- 1/22/24 Water System Worker Start Date
- 1/18/24 ADC Board Meeting (we had a member of the public attend in person)
- 1/17/24 Attended Opening Day
- Tracking 63 Bills
- FYI - Still waiting funds for the Contract administrator position- pending movement from B&F to Governor
- Refining RFP to be released for HPP Machine & Building Project
- Answering questions for Legislators regarding their bills
- Met with HDOA to include in MOU with ADC/HELHA/HTDC
- Working with state GIS for Lahaina maps
- Drafting MOU for ADC/HTFG & ADC/FTZ
- MOU with LCC still in LCC Legal
- Continuing research for development of ADC Strategic Plan.

### **Events/Conferences**

- Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 21 (65 acres remain); Kauai: 27 (3,036 acres); Big Island: 7 (0 ag acres in portfolio at present). ADC Standing Administrative Committee will be meeting in January to begin the review and awarding of licenses.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Ongoing: Reach out to House via email & phone to request a Meet & Greet
- Respond to Senators, Representatives regarding Bills & Questions
- 12/20/25: New Strategic Plan

### **Legislative Update:**

- Senate: **GOAL MET** Emailed 100% of Senate met f2f in office or at a site visit/meeting (FYI there are 8 freshman Senators going into this session)
- House: Emailed 100% of House & **only 6 remaining** to meet f2f (FYI there are 20 freshman Reps going into this session)

### **Strategic Planning:**

- Creating Framework, Goals, Plan of Action, Benchmarks, & Deliverables to double Hawaii's local food production by 2030 and grow Hawaii's ag exports.
- Creating Strategic Next Steps based on budget cuts.
- Board Member Tabata is attending and providing information on how ADC can support the Kauai Water Convening who is currently gathering information regarding the water systems.
- Actively participating in the Hawaii Drought Council meetings hosted by Chair Chang & Chair Hurd
- Collecting strategic information for the Kauai Water System, Location for Oahu Slaughterhouse, EOI follow up discussions.

#### **Portfolio** (35 Current Projects Underway)

- Acquisition of Wahiawa Dam, Reservoir & Ditch
  - Current Status: Meeting bi-weekly with consultants to continue due diligence.
    - Due Diligence being conducted with HDOA & DNLR
    - ADC Focus: irrigation system data review & planning field work assessments
  - Ken Benchmarks:
    - **FY24/Q4: Complete ditch assessment ON TARGET**
    - FY25/Q4: Complete Phase II
    - FY26/Q4: Complete Acquisition
- Food & Product Innovation Network (FPINs)
  - Current Status: *Waiting for Funds to be encumbered*, meeting monthly with UH Community Design Center (UHCDC) to define the MOA & actively identify possible project locations.
  - Ken Benchmarks:
    - FY24/Q3: \$500k released by the Governor,, UH CDC MOA signed
    - FY24/Q4: Encumber all funds remaining phases & design consultant.
    - FY 25/Q2: Complete designs for portions of network; request funds for construction in 2026
    - FY26/Q2: Pending Funds, contractor selection to construct portions of the network.
- Wahiawa R-1 Wastewater
  - Current Status: *Waiting for Funds to be encumbered (\$1.62MM)*, On hold pending funds; informed consultant to hold off on any additional costs.
  - Ken Benchmarks:
    - FY25/Q2: Complete plans & designs for Phase 2&3, Request Construction Funds
    - FY26/Q4: Construction Completed
- Feed Mill
  - Current Status: 11/16/23 ADC Board Presentation Overview of Project Impact
  - Ken Benchmarks:
    - TBD: May require support from HDOA & DLNR on permitting.
    - FY24/Q4: Assemble Equipment
    - FY25/Q4: Complete full build out
- Whitmore Food Hub
  - Infrastructure Development Underway with DAGS
    - 90% complete on design

- March Eta for RFP
- May ETA RFP responses due
- June 30, 2024 Funds encumbered
- ETA is May 2027 (if no delays permitting in DPP, NPDES, Use & Occupancy, etc)

## Land

- Current Status:
  - Total: 22,801 acres (16,663 farmable)
  - 10,999 Licensed
  - 2,483 Licenses in Process
  - **3,181 ALL Vacant Acres released 10/5/23:** 65 Whitmore; 160 Kalepa; 2,950 Kekaha
- Kauai Projects:
  - Engineering for Kekaha Bridge & Interior Road Improvements
    - Planning and design for Kekaha Bridge & Road Improvements
    - Christian Crossing Bridge Improvements
- Oahu Projects:
  - Management:
    - Develop design-build scope of work for agricultural infrastructure improvements.
    - Security Camera Installation
    - Steel security guard container
  - Maintenance:
    - Preparing a site assessment/cleanup in Poamoho
    - Roving security guard patrol

## Water

- Kauai Water Projects:
  - Management:
    - Quality Management of O&M Work @ Pacific Missile Range Facility
    - Purchase of hydroelectric turbine, generator, and controls
    - Water Quality Management & Best Management Practices
    - Site Safety Inspection on work crews performing under U.S. Navy Contract
    - Water sampling, testing & discharge monitoring.
    - Professional services relating to the Purchase Power Agreement with Kauai Island Utility
    - Plans & design for Kekaha Ditch Irrigation System Modification
  - Maintenance:
    - Kawaiele Pump Station
    - Applying for field work permits
    - Drainage system maintenance plan
    - Drainage system maintenance/planning
    - Plan & Design for Christian Crossing Bridge Repairs
    - Engineering for Christian Crossing Bridge Repairs
    - Menehune Ditch Improvements

### **Value-Add**

- Kauai:
  - Identifying opportunities.
- Oahu:
  - Purchase equipment & construct a feed mill.
  - Proof of concept study for Central Oahu Food & Agriculture Hub
- Big Island:
  - Cooperative R&D for papaya research

### **Administrative Efficiency**

- Working to establish the new Quick Books system effectively, beginning with current FY.
- Implementation of Property Management Software System- Intern will work with Lyle to finish adding data and begin sample reports.

### **PROMOTIONS**

- 30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary in 1994 Planning
- Events: Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Farm Fair



Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) 2024-January 18 LEG tracking

NOTE: ADC works with DBEDT to track bills. The list below is current as of 1/18/24. ADC does not have a position nor does ADC intend to provide testimony on all the tracked bills. Updates will be sent as the tracking is refined.

	Bill No	Measure			Status	Introducer(s)	Committee	ADC Position
AG	<a href="#">SB2060</a>	UH; CTAHR; Position; Establishment, Kona Cooperative Extension; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Establishes an Educational Support Associate position within the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Kona Cooperative Extension. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to HRE, WAM.	KANUHA, AQUINO, CHANG, KIDANI, San Buenaventura, Wakai	HRE, WAM	
AG	<a href="#">HB1584</a>	HDOA; Agricultural Crime Pilot Project; Honolulu; Kauai; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a two-year agricultural crime pilot project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural crimes, including agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism, in the City and County of Honolulu and County of Kauai. Appropriates funds.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	PERRUSO, AMATO, GANADEN, HUSSEY-BURDICK, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, MARTEN, MARTINEZ, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO		
AG	<a href="#">HB1582</a>	Neonicotinoid Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticides	RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.	Classifies neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides and establishes a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	PERRUSO, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, HUSSEY-BURDICK, KAPELA, LOWEN		
AG	<a href="#">SB2103</a>	DOE Roasted Coffee; False Labeling; Fines; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Expands the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes a \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false-labeling of Hawaii-grown roasted coffee. Makes an appropriation for 1.0 FTE enforcement position within the Department of Agriculture.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to CPN, JDC/WAM.	KANUHA, CHANG, DECOITE, WAKAI, Elefante, Fukunaga, Kim	CPN, JDC/WAM	
AG	<a href="#">SB2154</a>	DOA; DLNR; Non-Agricultural Park Lands; Transfer; Easements	RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.	Before the transfer of non-agricultural park lands, authorizes the Department of Agriculture to request information from the Department of Land and Natural Resources related to the establishment of necessary and reasonable easements upon the lands. Amends legislative findings regarding non-agricultural park lands. Requires the Department of Agriculture to accept the transfer of and manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands. Requires the Department of Agriculture, prior to offering a lease, to inquire with the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding any easements required for access to landlocked forest reserves or other assets on the lands subject to the lease. Continue to require the lessee to maintain a conservation plan. Requires approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Agriculture before removing pasture lands for reforestation, or other public purposes.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/AEN, JDC/WAM.	INOUE, FEVELLA, Chang, Fukunaga, Hashimoto	WTL/AEN, JDC/WAM	
AG	<a href="#">SB2155</a>	DOA; State-owned Land; Agricultural Land Use Potential; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE POTENTIAL.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to contract a third-party entity to compile a report evaluating the agricultural land use potential of each parcel of state-owned lands greater than five acres, excluding commercial, residential, and department of education lands. Requires a report. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, MORIWAKI	AEN/WTL, WAM	
AG	<a href="#">SB2253</a>	Short Form; Agriculture	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Short form bill.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	KANUHA		

AG	<a href="#">SB2254</a>	Short Form; Agriculture	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.	Short form bill.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	KANUHA		
AG	<a href="#">SB2176</a>	Landowner Liability; Recreational Uses of Land	RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY.	Clarifies that persons or minors that enter private property with or without charge by a landowner for recreational purposes have no cause of action, unless exempted under law. Requires a court to award attorneys' fees and costs to landowners if plaintiffs bring unreasonable claims. Establishes as a matter of law, persons or minors participating in outdoor recreational activities accept the inherent dangers in the activities.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL, JDC.	INOUE, FEVELLA, MORIWAKI, Kim	WTL, JDC	
DEV	<a href="#">SB2106</a>	DOH; Economic Development; Access to Local Value-Added Products Act; Homemade Food Operations; Permit; Rules	RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION.	Establishes the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act to allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions, upon registering with and receiving a permit from the Department of Health.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN, CPN.	KANUHA, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, Kim, Wakai	AEN, CPN	
DEV	<a href="#">SB2159</a>	DOA; OPSD; State Agriculture Functional Plan; Seafood Sustainability; Wild Seafood	RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.	Requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including seafood sustainability, that expand the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source. Requires the Governor to submit the plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, MORIWAKI, Kim	AEN/WTL, WAM	
DEV	<a href="#">SB2160</a>	Sustainable Food Systems Working Group; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Plan; Report; Statewide Sustainability Program; Sustainability Specialists; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.	Establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a plan for a more sustainable, resilient local food economy and to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group, develop the plan, and fund an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's Statewide Sustainability Program.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/AEN, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, Wakai	WTL/AEN, WAM	
DEV	<a href="#">SB2174</a>	HDOA; Meat and Poultry Inspection Program; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION.	Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish, implement, and administer a Meat and Poultry Inspection Program and annually report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the establishment, implementation, and administration of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, SHIMABUKURO, Fukunaga, Wakai	AEN, WAM	
DEV	<a href="#">SB2277</a>	Short Form; Economic Development	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.	Short form bill.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	KANUHA		
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">HB1548</a>	DLNR; DOT; Wildfires; Prevention and Mitigation; Vegetation Management Programs; Appropriations	RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.	Makes appropriations to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Transportation for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	ICHIYAMA, POEPOE		
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">HB1581</a>	DLNR; Wildfire Prevention; Native Plant Seed Bank; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling	RELATING TO WILDFIRE PREVENTION.	Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to develop a native plant nurseries and seed bank initiative program.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	KILA, KAHALOA, POEPOE		

WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2088</a>	DLNR; DOT; Wildfires; Prevention and Mitigation; Vegetation Management Programs; Appropriations	RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.	Makes appropriations to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Transportation for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/PSM/TCA, WAM.	WAKAI, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, KEOHOKALO, MORIWAKI, Elefante, Kidani	WTL/PSM/TC A, WAM	
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2143</a>	DLNR; DOFAW; Wildfire Management Branch; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Appropriates funds to the Wildfire Management Branch of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife to provide nonprofit organizations with grants for wildfire preparedness and mitigation programming.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/PSM, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, Ihara, Moriwaki	WTL/PSM, WAM	
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2144</a>	State Fire Marshal; Office of the State Fire Marshal; Establishment; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.	Establishes the position and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Establishes the duties of the State Fire Marshal. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to LBT/PSM, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY	LBT/PSM, WAM	
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2142</a>	OPSD; Wildfire Mitigation Working Group; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO WILDFIRE MITIGATION.	Establishes the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group. Requires a report to the Legislature. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to provide administrative support to the working group. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to PSM/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, KEOHOKALO, Elefante, Moriwaki, Wakai	PSM/WTL, WAM	
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2145</a>	Fire Code; Fire Enforcement; Annual Reports; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO FIRE CODE.	Requires the counties to submit annual reports on fire code enforcement updates and fire mitigation planning to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to PSM/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, Elefante, Moriwaki, Wakai	PSM/WTL, WAM	
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2284</a>	UH; Wildfire Forecast System; Public Safety; Preparedness; Wildfire Mitigation; Artificial Intelligence; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded	RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII.	Establishes a 2-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, Wakai		
WILDFIRE	<a href="#">SB2168</a>	State Fire Council; Counties; Search and Rescue; Costs; Mandatory Reimbursement; Ordinances; Rules	RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE.	Makes a person or entity liable for all or a portion of search or rescue expenses when the person or entity knowingly enters state, county, or private property, knowingly enters a hiking trail that is closed to the public, or violates applicable laws, provided that the closure is posted by sign, barricade, or other device that gives reasonable notice of the closure. Requires counties to adopt ordinances and the State Fire Council to adopt rules as necessary to pursue reimbursements.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/PSM, JDC.	INOUE, FEVELLA, MORIWAKI, WAKAI, Fukunaga, Kim	WTL/PSM, JDC	
ENV	<a href="#">SB2167</a>	DLNR; Climate Change; Natural Resources; Protection; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION.	Appropriates additional operational funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect, manage, and restore Hawaii's natural resources.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, Fukunaga	WTL, WAM	
WTR	<a href="#">HB1544</a>	State Water Code; Commission on Water Resource Management; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$60,000 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.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	ICHIYAMA, POEPOE		

WTR	<a href="#">HB1551</a>	DLNR; CWRM; HIEMA; State Water Code; Reservoirs; Fire Safety; Water Shortage and Emergency; Declaration; Notice	RELATING TO WATER.	Specifies that fire safety use is a beneficial use of fresh water in the State Water Code. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to cooperate with the counties and reservoir owners to develop protocols and agreements for the use of reservoir waters for fire safety purposes. Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	ICHIYAMA		
WTR	<a href="#">HB1554</a>	Aquatic Resources; DLNR; Rulemaking Authority; Flexibility; Adaptive Management	RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES.	Expands the department of land and natural resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule deemed necessary to protect certain aquatic life. Expands the board of land and natural resources' authority to temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in light of newly available technology, or in light of newly available data.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	ICHIYAMA, POEPOE		
WTR	<a href="#">SB2104</a>	DOH; Water Catchment Systems; Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group; Report	RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS.	Establishes a Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group within the Department of Health to assess the feasibility of allowing business owners in the State to utilize filtered water collected by water catchment systems for business activities. Requires the Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2026 and dissolve on June 30, 2026.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to HHS, WAM.	KANUHA, CHANG, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, Moriwaki, Wakai	HHS, WAM	
WTR	<a href="#">SB2089</a>	DLNR; CWRM; HIEMA; State Water Code; Reservoirs; Fire Safety; Water Shortage and Emergency; Declaration; Notice	RELATING TO WATER.	Specifies that fire safety use is a beneficial use of fresh water in the State Water Code. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, to cooperate with the counties and reservoir owners to develop protocols and agreements for the use of reservoir waters for fire safety purposes. Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/PSM, JDC.	WAKAI, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, KIDANI, Hashimoto, Moriwaki, San Buenaventura	WTL/PSM, JDC	
WTR	<a href="#">SB2146</a>	Commission on Water Resource Management; Water Shortage and Emergency; Declaration; Notice	RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.	Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL, JDC.	INOUE, FEVELLA, MORIWAKI	WTL, JDC	
WTR	<a href="#">SB2147</a>	Department of Land and Natural Resources; Commission on Water Resource Management; Reuse Zones; Recycled Water; R-1 Water; Distance; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriations	RELATING TO REUSE ZONES.	Requires nonpotable water users and developers of real property located within a certain distance of wastewater treatment plants to use R-1 water. Makes appropriations.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, HASHIMOTO	AEN/WTL, WAM	

WTR	<a href="#">HB1613</a>	Water Conservation; Water Catchment; Income Tax Credit	RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT.	Creates a refundable water catchment income tax credit for a homeowner who installs, places in service, or maintains a water catchment system meeting certain requirements on residential property in the State owned by the homeowner.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	KAPELA, COCHRAN, GANADEN, HUSSEY-BURDICK, MARTEN, NAKASHIMA, POEPOE, QUINLAN, WARD, Amato, Matsumoto		
WTR	<a href="#">SB2293</a>	Water Rights; Commercial Kalo Farming; Native Hawaiian Practices; Exemptions	RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF WATER RIGHTS.	Exempts the instream use of water for commercial kalo cultivation conducted in a manner consistent with traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices and on traditional kalo lands from the existing process for the disposition of water rights.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	INOUE		
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2083</a>	DOA; Aquaculture Development Program; Restorative Aquaculture; Feasibility Study; Report to the Legislature; Appropriation	RELATING TO RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE.	Requires the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN, WAM.	WAKAI, AQUINO, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, INOUE, KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS	AEN, WAM	
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2150</a>	DOH; Shellfish Sanitation; Shellfish Growing Areas; Classifications; Rules	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.	Requires the Department of Health to amend its shellfish sanitation administrative rules based on the United States Department of Agriculture's 2019 National Shellfish Sanitation Program model ordinance.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to HHS/WTL/AEN, JDC.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, Wakai	HHS/WTL/AEN, JDC	
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2296</a>	DLNR; Fishponds; Restocking; Restoration; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO FISHPONDS.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to restore and restock fishponds by procuring fingerlings and limu and establishing one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Aquaculture Coordinator Biologist VI position.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	INOUE		
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2050</a>	DLNR; Marine Life Conservation Districts; Carrying Capacity Program; Administrative Rules; Report; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and conduct the Marine Life Conservation District Carrying Capacity Program. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to submit reports to the Legislature and adopt administrative rules. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL, WAM.	KANUHA, CHANG, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KEOHOKALOLE, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Ihara, Shimabukuro	WTL, WAM	
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2148</a>	Aquaculture; Aquarium Fish Permit; Aquaculture Research	RELATING TO AQUARIUM FISH PERMITS.	Exempts persons engaging in aquaculture research from the aquarium fish permit requirement.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/AEN, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, Moriwaki, Wakai	WTL/AEN, WAM	
AQCUL	<a href="#">SB2149</a>	DLNR; Aquaculture Permit; Commercial License; Aquatic Research; DAR; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation	RELATING TO PERMITS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve or deny an application related to aquaculture within 90 days from the date that it was submitted. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions within the Division of Aquatic Resources to support the permit review process. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN/WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, Wakai	AEN/WTL, WAM	
WTR	<a href="#">SB2161</a>	Environmental Review; Wells; Department of Agriculture; Leased Lands; Food Production; Exemption	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.	Exempts the proposed drilling, construction, or use of a well and well appurtenances on lands leased from the Department of Agriculture from environmental review requirements, provided that the land is being used to support agriculture and food production.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to AEN/WTL, JDC.	INOUE, CHANG, Kim, Wakai	AEN/WTL, JDC	

ENV	<a href="#">HB1585</a>	Polystyrene Food-service Containers; State Agencies, Vendors, Facilities, Concessions, Events, Programs; Prohibition	RELATING TO PLASTIC POLLUTION.	Prohibits state agencies from purchasing or using polystyrene food-service containers. Prohibits vendors contracted through a state agency from selling, offering for sale, providing, or using polystyrene food-service containers at any site owned or leased by the State. Prohibits polystyrene food-service containers from being sold, offered for sale, provided, or used at any state facility, state-authorized concession, state-sponsored or state-permitted event, or state program.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	PERRUSO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, LOWEN, MARTEN, POEPOE, Amato		
ENV	<a href="#">HB1586</a>	DOH; Wastewater Treatment; Feasibility Study; Cesspool Conversion; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.	Requires the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of a wastewater treatment works project in Waialua, Oahu. Appropriates funds.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	PERRUSO, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, HUSSEY-BURDICK, KAPELA, MARTINEZ, Poepoe		
ENV	<a href="#">SB2182</a>	Department of Land and Natural Resources; Ocean Stewardship Special Fund; Sunset; Repeal	RELATING TO OCEAN STEWARDSHIP.	Makes permanent the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL, WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, SHIMABUKURO	WTL, WAM	
ENV	<a href="#">SB2290</a>	DOH; CWRM; Waste or Disposal Facilities; Landfills; Solid Waste; Hazardous Waste; Aquifers; Prohibition	RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility for hazardous waste or solid waste on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health, in consultation with the Commission on Water Resource Management.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, DECOITE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Wakai		
ENV	<a href="#">HB1543</a>	Uniform Information Practices Act; Critical Infrastructure Information	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT.	Excludes critical infrastructure information from disclosure requirements under the Uniform Information Practices Act.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	ICHİYAMA		
COM	<a href="#">SB2058</a>	Neighborhood Boards; Community Outreach Boards; Sunshine Law; Public Meetings; Permitted Interactions	RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS.	Defines community outreach board to mean a board established to serve in a community advisory capacity under a county commission or a county department. Includes community outreach boards under existing provisions of the Sunshine Law regarding neighborhood boards. Authorizes neighborhood board or community outreach board members to organize meetings or presentations related to official board business statewide.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO/PSM, JDC.	KANUHA, AQUINO, CHANG, Fukunaga	GVO/PSM, JDC	
COM	<a href="#">HB1599</a>	Public Meetings; Remote Testimony; Visibility	RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.	Requires public meeting notices to inform members of the public how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	TARNAS, BELATTI, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, Amato, Kobayashi, Morikawa		
COM	<a href="#">HB1600</a>	Sunshine Law; Permitted Interaction Groups; Scheduling; Open Meetings	RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS.	Requires that a board may only schedule a meeting for discussion and decisionmaking on a report by an investigative group six days after the investigative group has made a report of its findings to the board.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	TARNAS, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, PERRUSO, POEPOE, TAKAYAMA, TAM		

COM	<a href="#">HB1598</a>	Sunshine Law; Board Packet; Public Inspection; Notice; Testimony	RELATING TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.	Establishes that board packets shall be made available for public inspection no later than two business days, rather than forty-eight hours, before a board meeting. Clarifies that public testimony may be submitted to the board before the meeting.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	TARNAS, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, KAPELA, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, NAKASHIMA, PERRUSO, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, Kobayashi		
COM	<a href="#">HB1597</a>	OIP; Open Meetings Law; Enforcement	RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS.	Provides a specific right of action to challenge decisions of the Office of Information Practices relating to the State's open meetings law. Aligns the enforcement mechanisms for the State's open meetings law with the State's Uniform Information Practices Act.	H 1/17/2024: Introduced and Pass First Reading.	TARNAS, AMATO, COCHRAN, GANADEN, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, TAKAYAMA, Kobayashi		
COM	<a href="#">SB2116</a>	Interactive Conference Technology; Remote Participation; Live Broadcast; Boards and Commissions	RELATING TO BOARD MEETINGS.	Requires boards to use interactive conference technology to remotely conduct public meetings in conjunction with in-person meetings that allow for public participation. Requires boards to archive minutes of meetings on their websites.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC/WAM.	KEOHOKALOLE, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, RICHARDS, San Buenaventura, Wakai	GVO, JDC/WAM	
COM	<a href="#">SB2172</a>	Boards; Commissions; Absence of Chairperson; Assumption of Duties	RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	Establishes the priority of who may assume the authority and duties of a chairperson of a board or commission in the chairperson's and all co-chairperson's absence at a hearing or meeting of a board or commission. Prohibits staff members from assuming the authority and duties of the chairperson of a board or commission.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC.	INOUE, CHANG, FEVELLA, Kim	GVO, JDC	
COM	<a href="#">SB2198</a>	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Meetings; Supplemental Information	RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS.	Provides that supplemental information received within 48 hours of a meeting of a board subject to state opening meetings law may be added to the board packet; provided that the public is promptly provided access to the supplemental information.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	GVO, JDC	
COM	<a href="#">SB2199</a>	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Closed Meetings; Training	RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS.	Authorizes any board that is subject to state open meetings law to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of providing training to new and current board members.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	GVO, JDC	
COM	<a href="#">SB2200</a>	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Business; Permits; Review	RELATING TO ADMINISTRATE PROCEDURE.	Provides that a maximum time period to grant or deny a business or development-related permit, license, or approval shall only apply if a request for a contested case has not been filed.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO, JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	GVO, JDC	
COM	<a href="#">SB2203</a>	Hawaii Council of Mayors Package; Land Use Commission; Agricultural District	RELATING TO LAND USE COMMISSION.	Applies permissible uses within agricultural districts to counties having specific population levels.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WTL/PSM/EET, WAM.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL/PSM/EET, WAM	
COM	<a href="#">SB2291</a>	ADC; HTDC; NEHLA; Advisory Boards; Workforce Development	RELATING TO ADVISORY BOARDS.	Establishes advisory boards, focused on workforce development, to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	DELA CRUZ, DECOITE, HASHIMOTO, KANUHA, KIDANI, Kim, Moriwaki, Wakai		
COM	<a href="#">SB2292</a>	Boards and Commissions; Ex Officio Members; Advice and Consent; Senate	RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.	Clarifies that the procedures for selecting members of boards and commissions also apply to ex officio members.	S 1/19/2024: Introduced.	DELA CRUZ		

OPER	<a href="#">SB2234</a>	State Budget	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to WAM.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WAM	HB1800
OPER	<a href="#">SB2208</a>	Maui County Council Package; Procurement; Sole Source Procurements; Counties	RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.	Amend the procurement code to require County Council approval for contracts awarded by a county under its statutory authorization for sole source procurement if the contract amount exceeds \$30,000.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to GVO/PSM, JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	GVO/PSM, JDC	
OPER	<a href="#">SB2216</a>	HSEC; State Ethics Commission Package; Advice; Investigations	RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.	Clarifies and modernizes the way the State Ethics Commission provides advice and conducts investigations pursuant to sections 84-31 and 97-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	JDC	
OPER	<a href="#">SB2217</a>	Ethics Commission Package; State Ethics Code Reporting Period; Fiscal Year Reporting Period; Electronic Filing	RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS.	Adjusts the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the state Ethics Commission to conform with the fiscal year. Provides for electronic filing of documents required by the Ethics Commission.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	JDC	
OPER	<a href="#">SB2219</a>	Ethics Commission Package; Lobbying; Presumptions; Testimony	RELATING TO LOBBYING.	Amends the definition of "lobbying" to include certain communications regarding procurement decisions, staffing or appointment decisions, the development of an administrative agency's written report or statement of policy, and ex parte communications regarding contested case hearings. Includes among lobbyists certain persons who submit testimony 10 or more times in any calendar year. Establishes certain presumptions regarding testimony when given by a paid person. Makes certain contracts voidable when entered into in violation of lobbying law. Effective 1/1/2027.	S 1/18/2024: Referred to JDC.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	JDC	