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Environmental Council Meeting

March 14, 2017, 1:00-3:30 PM
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, 15th Floor Conference Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Quorum
2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Meeting held on February 14, 2017
3. Discussion and possible action regarding testimony on legislation (see Exhibit A for list of bills)
4. Report on the Permitted Interaction Group for Rules regarding status of revised rules language
5. Information & Outreach Committee Report
 - a. Status of State Department of Health's policy on posting of warning signs for high bacteria levels
 - b. Report on toxoplasmosis statewide working group meeting
 - c. Potential initiatives on storm water pollution control, including public-private partnership with the hotel industry
6. Annual Report (per HRS § 341-6)
 - a. Open discussion and possible action regarding general direction and topics to include in the 2017 Annual Report
7. Correspondence received
 - a. Letter from Hawai'i Department of Health to Group 70 International and Hawaii Dairy Farms, LLC dated February 28, 2017 regarding the Hawaii Dairy Farms Environmental Impact Statement (Māhā'ulepū, Kaua'i) withdrawal and possible submittal of another EIS.

Note: Public comments will be accepted on each agenda item prior to voting or completion of the agenda item.

Note: The Council may go into an executive session on an agenda item for one of the permitted purposes listed in Section 92-5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), without noticing the executive session on the agenda where the executive session was not anticipated in advance. The executive session may only be held, however, upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, which must also be the majority of the members to which the board is entitled. The reason for holding the executive session shall be publicly announced and the vote of each member on the question of holding a meeting closed to the public shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meeting. HRS Sections 92-4, 92-5(a) and 92-7(a).

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Bill Number	Companion	Measure Title	Description	Rationale	Current Status	Environmental Council Position
RECENTLY ADDED						
SB 760	HB 624 HB 1047	RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Codifies exemptions to permitting requirements established by Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, within the Hawaii Revised Statutes and expands those exemptions to include broadband over wireless or mobile platforms, including small wireless facilities.		Deferred (SB760) "Deleted" (HB624) Deferred (HB 1047)	
SB 1016	HB 1150	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION	Temporarily exempts the Department of Transportation and its contractors from certain state requirements for certain bridge rehabilitation projects by extending the end date to		Passed WAM (SB1016) JUD (HB1150)	
SB 1088	HB 795	RELATING TO CARBON FORESTRY CERTIFICATION.	Appropriates funds for certification of a reforestation carbon project at Haleakala, Maui, operated by DLNR, under an established forest carbon standard certification system. Requires DLNR to submit an annual report on the project certification to the governor and	Funds DLNR forest carbon project on Maui	Passed WAM (SB 1088) Passed FIN (HB 795)	
HB 1453		RELATING TO PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.	Imposes a \$20 per guest tax on users of transient accommodations for the purposes of funding conservation efforts.		Deferred	
SUGGESTED BY EC MEMBERS						
SB703		RELATING TO VISITOR IMPACTS	Allows use of the special land and development fund for the management, maintenance, and development of state parks, beaches, and other natural resources. Allocates two per cent of the transient accommodations tax to the special land and development fund category for the management, maintenance, and development of trails and trail access, state parks, beaches, and other natural resources. (SD1)	Allocates 2% of TAT to DLNR SLDF	Referred to WAM	
SB1300		RELATING TO CONSERVATION	Increases the amount of transient accommodations tax revenue allocated to the special land and development fund.	Increases DLNR share of TAT	Deferred	
SB776/ SB879	HB1013/ HB1339	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.	Restructures the Hawaii invasive species council as the Hawaii invasive species authority, administratively attached to the department of agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan and to improve coordination of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs. Appropriates funds to implement the authority and relevant interagency invasive species projects.	Establishes Hawaii Invasive Species Authority	Passed WAM (SB776) Passed FIN (HB1339)	
SB559		RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE	Enacts relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement as Hawaii state law. Makes an appropriation.	Enacts relevant provisions of Paris Agreement as Hawaii state law	Passed WAM	
HB1570		RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT	Requires lessors of rental motor vehicles to include an option for the lessee in the motor vehicle rental agreement to contribute a sum to DLNR for the preservation and protection of the environment, commencing on January 1, 2020. (HB1570 HD1)	Rental vehicle contract option to contribute to DLNR	Passed FIN	
HB1004		RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH	Appropriates moneys for implementation of the Rapid Ohia Death Strategic Response Plan. (HB1004 HD1)	Money for Rapid Ohia Death (ROD) research	Referred to FIN	
HB1247/ HB1472	SB1239	RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH	Appropriates funds for research on prevention and mitigation of Rapid Ohia Death. (HB1247 HD1)	Funding for ROD research	Referred to FIN (HB1247) Passed WAM (SB1239)	
HB69		RELATING TO TAXATION	Amends the distribution of conveyance tax revenues to better fund programs for environmental protection and affordable housing.	All conveyance tax revenues go to Legacy Land (17%) and Rental Housing Revolving Fund (83%)	Deferred	
HB221		RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.	Amends the list of non-general funds that receive distributions from the conveyance tax by: (1) increasing the maximum dollar amount of the distribution to the land conservation fund; and (2) restoring and setting a maximum dollar amount for the distribution to the natural area reserve fund.	Conveyance tax cap increase for Legacy Land and restore Natural Area Reserve Fund	Deferred	

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ORIGINAL LIST						
SB 192	HB 100	RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET	"Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019."	EC Budget	Referred to WAM	Monitor
SB 570		RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS	Requires an environmental assessment for any proposed use or development of property greater than one hundred acres in size. Requires the EA to include the results of a minimum five-day search for endangered or threatened species.	New "trigger" for EA	Deferred	Take no position
SB 577	HB 928	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Exempts the development of affordable housing projects developed in the urban core by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation from environmental assessment and environmental impact statement requirements	Exemption from EA and EIS	Deferred (SB 577) EEP/WAL (HB 928)	Monitor
SB 578		RELATING TO HOUSING	Authorizes the Hawaii community development authority to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement for housing development projects on all lands within the Kakaako community development district. Allows the programmatic environmental impact statement, once it is accepted by the office of environmental quality control, to satisfy the environmental assessment and impact statement requirements for any housing development project within the Kakaako community development district.	Eliminates need for EA and EIS if PEIS is prepared.	Deferred	Monitor
SB 1232	HB 1411	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS	Declares the intent of the legislature that a contested case hearing shall not be required for land leases, lease extensions, consents to subleases, or any other dispositions of public land.	Eliminates contested case hearings for some land issues	Deferred (SB 1232) "Deleted" (HB1411)	Monitor