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HB1439	The purpose of this Act is to: (1) Establish the conservation workforce special fund with 17 the explicit commitment of funding a conservation workforce and advancing the Aloha+ Challenge Natural Resource Management Targets; (2) Form a public-private advisory committee focused on designing the management and governance structure and funding criteria that safeguards the special fund's fidelity towards conservation; and (3) Establish a ten-year pilot visitor green fee to go into effect July 1, 2022	sb2098	Maui County Council	EEP/LAT, CPC, FIN	Not moving
HB1443	The purpose of this Act is to assess a climate change mitigation impact fee for persons renting, leasing, or utilizing tourism-related vehicles in the State, and to apply the resulting revenue toward protecting Hawaii's natural resources and environment...	hb1451, sb2054, sb2102	Maui County Council	EEP, FIN	EEP passed w amendments
hb1473	Requires environmental impact statements to consider whether the proposed action will exacerbate socioeconomic disparities.	sb2121	OHA/Saiki	EEP, JHA, FIN	not moved
hb1655	The purpose of this Act is to expand exclusions to the definition of "development" in chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reduce the need for special management area permits for certain activities.	sb1764	Tarnas ++++	WAL, JHA, FIN	WAL passed w amendments; JHA passed w amendments
hb1750	Makes the new construction of affordable housing eligible for exemption from environmental impact statement and environmental assessment requirements if it meets certain requirements.	SB3384	Nakamura +++++	HSG/EEP, FIN	2.15 in HSG/EEP; emails w/ Rep Lowen. Deferred; lots of testimony
HB1803	Proposes a constitutional amendment that recognizes and protects, for present and future generations, the inherent and inalienable right of all people to clean water and air and healthy ecosystems, including climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, and healthful qualities of the environment. Provides that the State and its subdivisions shall protect and shall not infringe upon these rights.	sb2962	Environmental Legislative Caucus (ELC)	EEP/WAL, JHA, FIN	EEP/WAL passed w/ amendments; referred to JHA. Lots of testimony (DLNR opposed...)

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hb1810	Defines what constitutes a quorum for the environmental advisory council. Specifies the number of votes required to make any action of the council valid. States: "A majority of all of the members currently appointed 17 to the environmental advisory council shall constitute a quorum." Amends 341-5.5	sb2958	Lowen	EEP, FIN	EEP passed unamended; OPSD and OT submitted testimony
HB1874	Allows a board to conduct up to one retreat in private per calendar year; provided that the board does not vote on any matter, make decisions, or deliberate toward a decision on any matter currently pending before the board or likely to arise before the board.		Nakashima +++	GVR/FIN	GVR Deferred; OIP opposed (unnecessary) and Common Cause opposed; OPSD support
HB1897 <i>Added by RK</i>	Requires all boards to livestream meetings and archive the recordings online. Requires a board to identify each item on its meeting agenda as an item for action or an item for discussion and allow for oral testimony after each agenda item. Amends time frame requirements for the posting of board meeting minutes and board packets. Requires board meeting minutes and board packets to be posted online.		Wildberger +++++	GVR, JHA	GVR Passed with amendments
HB1905	The purpose of this Act is to clarify that involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke, fugitive dust, and chemical overspray is a violation of the constitutional right to a clean and healthy environment [and adds a "Clean Air Bill of Rights."		Wilderberger+++	EPH/HHH, JHA, FIN	Not moved
HB2120	Changes how we define and deal with "emergencies."	sb3088	Governor	PDP, FIN	PDP passed w/ amendments
hb2245	The purpose of this Act is to establish a visitor green fee program, to be administered by the department of land and natural resources, as a license required by visitors for usage of Hawaii's public beaches, parks, trails, coastlines, and environment. The purpose of the visitor green fee program shall be to provide sustained funding for the protection, restoration, and care of Hawaii's state-owned natural, and outdoor recreational resources and build the resilience of these resources to the impacts of increased visitor use.	sb3192	Saiki	EEP/LAT, CPC, FIN	Not moving

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hb2256	Establishes a department of environmental protection by July 1, 2026. Creates a department of environmental protection working group to address the logistics required for the State to establish a department of environmental protection. Requires the working group to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2025 regular session.	SB3273	Lowen	EEP, FIN	Passed EEP w/ amendments on 2/10
hb 2454	Requires for each draft environmental assessment and draft environmental impact statement a public hearing in the community directly affected by the underlying proposed action.	SB2448		EEP, JHA, FIN	
SB2121	Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure that agency decisionmakers assess the impact of proposed actions on socioeconomic disparities as part of the environmental review process. Amends §343	hb1473	OHA	WTL, JDC/WAM	Not moving
SB2164	The purpose of this Act is to establish a mandatory environmental and agricultural affirmation for in—bound travelers to the State where they acknowledge state and federal laws and each individual's responsibility to protect the natural environment and agriculture of the State, that will be incorporated into the existing paper plant and animal declaration form and into any other documentation, electronic or otherwise, that travelers are required to complete in order to enter the state		Rhoads +++	AEN/EET/TRS, JDC/WAM	Not moved; 4 referrals
SB2328	The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for a study to identify the current plans, programs, funding sequences and plans, and allocations of state revenue in place to achieve the Aloha+ Challenge natural resource management goals.		Keith-Agaran, DeCoite, Gabbard +++	AEN/EET, WAM	Not moved
sb2448	The purpose of this Act is to require for each draft environmental assessment and draft environmental impact statement a public hearing in any community that will be directly affected by the underlying proposed action. SECTION 2. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended...	hb2454	Fevella +++	AEN/GVO, JDC/WAM	Not moving

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SB2453	The purpose of this Act is to: (1) Increase from forty—five days to ninety days the deadline by which county legislative bodies shall approve housing projects developed pursuant to section 201H—38, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and (2) Establish that any housing project developed pursuant to section 201H—38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or with state or county funds shall not be exempt from an environmental assessment.		Fevella +++	HOU/GVO, JDC	Not moving
SB2610	The purpose of this Act is to reinstate the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit and thereby provide financial assistance to owners of cesspools who: (1) Upgrade or convert a qualified cesspool into a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system; or (2) Connect a qualified cesspool to a sewer system.	sb2995		AEN/WTL, WAM	Not moving
sb2613	The purpose of this Act is to codify the State's commitment to conservation, sustainability, and economic development by including the seventeen United Nations SDGs and indicators, with references to existing state sustainability programs, in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.		DeCoite ++++++	GVO, WAM	GVO hearing 2.17
SB2668	The purpose of this Act is to: (1) Require each county to establish its own land use commission to make certain determinations under chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and (2) Repeal the state land use commission.		Baker +++	WTL/GVO, JDC/WAM	Not moving
sb2802	The purpose of this Act is to: (1) Authorize the counties to establish and charge a monthly or annual fee on commercial and residential property owners with cesspools with exceptions; and (2) Require the counties to establish a cesspool conversion fund.		Lee, Misalucha	GVO/HTH, WAM	Not moving

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SB3012	Green Fees: Require the department of land and natural resources to establish a visitor green fee program to collect fees from Visitors to the State for the provision of sustained and increased funding for the protection, restoration, and care of Hawaii's natural, cultural, and outdoor recreational resources and build the resilience of these resources to the impacts of climate change and local threats; Establish the Hawaii environmental legacy commission to guide the disbursement of funds collected from the Visitor green fee program; and Establish the Hawaii environmental legacy special fund.	HB1802, HB1512, SB3192, hb2245	Gabbard +++	EET/WTL, WAM	Not moved
SB3192	Establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources a visitor green fee program to collect a fee to allow visitors to visit a state park, beach, state-owned forest, hiking trail, or other state-owned natural area. Establishes the environmental legacy commission to allocate the revenues from the visitor green to protect and manage Hawaii's natural resources. Appropriates moneys.		Dela Cruz ++++	WTL/EET, WAM	EET and WTL passed w amendments