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Bill Number	Purpose	Companion / similar	Introducer	Referral	Status
SB 71	Department of Agriculture lands; food production; exemption from environmental impact statements: The proposed drilling, construction, or use of a well and well appurtenances on lands leased from the Department of Agriculture shall be exempt from the requirements of this chapter [§343] provided that the land is used to support agriculture and food production.	HB699	Inouye, Gabbard	WTL/AEN, JDC/WAM	Past first reading; Referred to WTL/AEN, JDC/WAM
SB 115	Establishes an Aquacultural Lease Program in the Department of Agriculture....[more]	HB488	Wakai, Aquino...[more]	WTL/AEN, JDC/WAM	Passed first reading; referred to AEN/WTL, JDC/WAM
SB 245	Requires for each draft environmental assessment and draft environmental impact statement a public hearing in the community directly affected by the underlying proposed action.		Favella	AEN/GVO, JDC/WAM	Passed first reading; referred to AEN/GVO, JDC/WAM
SB 304	Establishes a visitor impact fee program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, through which the department will collect a fee for a license to visit a state park, forest, hiking trail, or other state natural area. Establishes the Environmental Legacy Commission to allocate revenues from the visitor impact fee to protect and manage natural resources.	HB1162	Dela Cruz, Aquino... [more]	WTL/EET, WAM	Passed first reading; referred to WTL/EED, WAM
SB 507	Revises/adds new definitions in 343 for wetlands...[more]		Gabbard	AEN/WTL, JDC/WAM	Passed first reading; referred to AEN/WTL, JDC/WAM
SB1535	Allows the Director of Transportation to exempt certain ground transportation facility projects from historic preservation review, the environmental impact statement law, and the Hawaii public procurement code under certain conditions.	HB1347	Lee		
HB 185	Cleans up §341	SB422	Lowen	EEP, FIN	Passed first reading; referred to EEP, FIN

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HB 196	Establishes a department of environmental protection on July 1, 2027. 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 2026 regular session.		Lowen	LGO/EEP, CPC, FIN	Passed first reading; referred to LGO/EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 654	To create a program that uses the Energy Star Portfolio Manager to encourage state and county buildings to become more environmentally sustainable...	SB1149	Cochran....[more]	EEP, CPC, FIN	Passed first reading; referred to EEP,
HB 749	Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.		Ichiyama		
HB 1247	Exempt affordable housing and certain qualifying housing development projects from HEPA; Establish a definition of “program” and “project” to preempt the existing definitions...and narrow the existing interpretation that requires analysis of tangentially related projects...[more]	SB1436	Hashimoto, Aiu, Woodson		
HB1317	Establishes the Hawaii Environmental Protection Agency. Transfers jurisdiction of certain functions and employees of the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health to the Hawaii Environmental Protection Agency.	SB1597	Cochran, Amato... [more]		

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