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Bill Number	Purpose	Year Introduced	Companion / similar	Introducer	Referral	Status	Recent/Action
SENATE							
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.	2023	HB699	Inouye, Gabbard			Comments submitted 2023; not moving
SB 115	Establishes an Aquacultural Lease Program in the Department of Agriculture....[more]	2023	HB488	Wakai, Aquino...[more]			No movement
SB 140	Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs and identify adequate sites for housing sufficient to meet housing demands for all income levels each year	2023					No movement
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.	2023					No movement
SB 507	Revises/adds new definitions in 343 for wetlands...[more]	2023		Gabbard			Comments submitted 2023; not moving
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.	2023	HB1347	Lee			No movement
SB 2002	Exempts certain housing projects reserved for certain students, faculty, and staff of public educational institutions from environmental assessment requirements.			Chang, Kidani, Richards	HOU/WTL, EDU/HRE, WAM		No movement
SB 2499	Requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office to implement a Slim-hole Resource Characterization Program that identifies the location and characteristics of underground water and carbon sequestration resources across the State			DeCoite, Aquino, Chang, Fevella, Hashimoto, Kidani	EET/AEN/WTL, WAM		Passed EET/AEN/WTL with amendments. To WAM
SB 2811	Makes state agricultural tourism requirements applicable to all counties, instead of only counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farms implementing agricultural tourism.			Richards, Chang, Fevella, Kidani, Shimabukuro...	WTL/EET, WAM		Deferred
SB 2952	Requires each county to develop and maintain a wastewater management plan. Specifies the requirements of the wastewater management plan.			Kouchi	PSM/AEN/HHS, WAM		Re-referred to AEN/HHS/GVO
SB 3047	Codifies the exemption from environmental impact statements for affordable housing projects that meet certain criteria.		HB 2358	Gov			Passed w/ Amendments; To WAM
HOUSE							
HB196	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	2023		Lowen	LGO/EEP, CPC, FIN		No movement
HB 654	To create a program that uses the Energy Star Portfolio Manager to encourage state and county buildings to become more environmentally sustainable...	2023	SB1149	Cochran....[more]			No movement

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HB 699	Exempts the proposed drilling, construction, or use of a well and well appurtenances on lands leased from the Department of Agriculture from the requirements of the environmental impact statements law, provided that the land is being used to support agriculture and food production.	2023	SB 71	Gates, Lamosao	AGR/WAL, JHA		No movement
HB 749	Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.	2023		Ichiyama			No movement
HB 839	Requires the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation or an eligible developer to prepare an environmental impact statement for any proposed housing project on lands zoned as preservation or conservation by the applicable county.	2023	SB 644	Garrett	EEP/WAL,FIN		No movement
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]	2023	SB1436	Hashimoto, Aiu, Woodson			No movement
HB 1289	Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.	2023		Takayama	EEP/WAL, JHA		No movement
HB 1385	Part I: Clarifies that the Board of Land and Natural Resources shall not unilaterally amend the terms and conditions of any lease of public lands being extended pursuant to Act 149, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018; Part II: Establishes a temporary public land trust working group within the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes only. Provides that the working group's sole purpose shall be to compile a definitive inventory of public land trust lands	2023		Onishi, Gates, Hashimoto.....	WTL, WAM		No movement
HB 1542	Between 7/1/2024 and 12/31/2026, authorizes each county planning commission to petition for the redistricting of land from the agricultural to the rural district through the land use commission's declaratory ruling process. Sunsets 12/31/2026.		SB 2838	Ichiyama	WAL, JHA		Passed WAL w amendments; referred to JHA
HB 1629	Requires contested cases or environmental impact statement cases involving renewable energy, except cases involving incineration, to be appealed from an agency's decision directly to the Hawai'i Supreme Court for final decision. Requires the cases to be prioritized and decided expeditiously.			Evelin, Amato....	EEP/WAL		Passed EEP/ WAL w Amendments; referred to JHA
HB 1702	Reduces zoning restrictions for affordable housing development.			House Minority Caucus	EEP/WAL, FIN		No movement
HB 2097	Clarifies the definition of "power-generating facility" for the purposes of environmental impact assessments to include new combustion electricity-generating facilities operating beginning January 1, 2024, that were not previously operational. Includes power-generating facilities that are converting from one source of energy to another source, where the new source requires combustion and the electrical output rating of the converted facility exceeds 5.0 megawatts.		SB 2367	Lowen, Amato, Cochran...	EEP,CPC		No movement
HB 2146	SEE SB 2811 : Makes state agricultural tourism requirements applicable to all counties, instead of only counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farms implementing agricultural tourism.						AGR/WAL passed w Amendments; referred to FIN

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HB 2358	Codifies the exemption from environmental impact statements for affordable housing projects that meet certain criteria.						HSG/EEP passed w Amendments; referred to FIN
HB 2798	Amends the types of proposed power-generating facilities that trigger an environmental assessment to include new combustion electricity-generating facilities operating commercially after 1/1/2024 that were not previously operational and certain expansions in generating capacity of existing combustion electricity-generating facilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)						EEP Passed w Amendments; referred to CPC