

**BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW FROM TWENTY-NINTH STATE LEGISLATURE***Tracked Legislation:*

- **ACT 032 SB559. RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. (\$)** Enacts relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement as Hawaii state law.
- **ACT 033 HB1578 HD1. RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. (\$)** Establishes the Carbon Farming Task Force within the Office of Planning to identify agricultural practices to improve soil health and promote carbon sequestration in the State's agricultural and aquacultural sectors.
- **ACT 064 HB165. RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS.** Requires, among other things, electronic posting of meeting notices, emergency meeting agendas, cancellation notices, and meeting minutes.

*Other Acts of Interest:*

- **ACT 005 HB1509. RELATING TO WATER MANAGEMENT.** Requires the State and counties to consider storm water management in the development of the Hawaii Water Resource Protection Plan.
- **Act 061 HB571 HD1 SD1 CD1. RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. (\$)** Appropriates moneys for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a communication and outreach plan for emergency management and disaster preparedness, update and publish the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards, and conduct education and outreach throughout the State.
- **ACT 070 HB1418 SD1. RELATING TO LAND.** Amends the county exemptions from building permit and building code requirements to ensure that Hawaii's communities are not suspended from participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- **ACT 089 HB605 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO WASTEWATER.** Prohibits the installation or use of household aerobic units that discharge directly to groundwater unless approved by the Director of Health.
- **ACT 120 HB1435 HD2 SD1 CD1. RELATING TO AWARDED FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT. (\$)** Appropriates funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to update statewide standards for hurricane mitigation and secure a reimbursement grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- **ACT 125 HB1244 HD1 SD2. RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.** Requires upgrade, conversion, or sewer connection of all cesspools in the State before 2050 unless exempted. Broadens

eligibility criteria for tax credit to offset costs. Requires the Department of Health to investigate existing cesspools, assess incentive programs, and report to the Legislature.

- **ACT 154. SB992 SD2 HD1 CD1. RELATING TO VESSELS AGROUND.** Clarifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) may assume immediate control of a vessel that is grounded on state submerged land, a shoreline, or a coral reef, or in imminent danger of breaking up, if the vessel cannot be removed by the owner within 24 hours from the time the vessel is grounded. Clarifies that the Department may assume immediate control of a vessel grounded on a sand beach, sand bar, or mudflat not in imminent danger of breaking up after the owner has been given 72 hours' notice to remove the vessel and has not done so. Effective 9/1/17.
- **ACT 171. SB808 SD1 HD1 CD1. RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. (\$)** Makes an appropriation from the special land and development fund to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.
- **ACT 182 HB606 HD2 DS2 CD1. RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.** Authorizes the counties, through their employees or authorized agents, to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species and pests.
- **ACT 186 HB794 HD1 SD2 CD1. RELATING TO ENERGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. (\$)** Establishes the University of Hawaii (UH) Green Special Fund to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability projects and services, and planning, design, and implementation of sustainability projects for UH's benefit. Requires UH to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

**(\$):** Appropriations