

CWRM Priority Tracked Bills
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Bill No.	Report Title	Measure Title	Description	Last Action	Introducer(s)	Current Referral	Companion
HB1142	DLNR; CWRM; State Water Code; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties.	H 1/23/2025: Referred to WAL, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 3	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA, FIN	SB1461
HB1495 HD1	DLNR; Commission on Water Resource Management; Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project; Keauhou Aquifer System; Reports; Appropriation	RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM.	Establishes and appropriates funds for the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Appropriates funds for the installation of two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/13/2025: Report adopted; referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Kitagawa, Ward excused (3).	KAHALOA, KAPELA, LOWEN, POEPOE, TARNAS	EFP, WAL, FIN	SB1602
HB306 HD2	State Water Code; Commission on Water Resource Management; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the Commission on Water Resource Management must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines in five-year increments from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	H 2/14/2025: Report adopted; referred to the committee(s) on FIN as amended in HD 2 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Matayoshi, Poepoe, Ward excused (4).	POEPOE, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TARNAS, TODD	WAL, JHA, FIN	
HB315	CWRM; State Water Code; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty of \$50 per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to determine the amount of the penalty based on the circumstances of the violation.	H 1/21/2025: Referred to WAL, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 1	HASHEM	WAL, JHA, FIN	SB811
HB405	Maui County Council Package; Water; CWRM; Emergency Orders; Water Shortages; Fines	RELATING TO WATER.	Defines the public trust responsibilities of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission to retain independent legal counsel. Amends the scope of the Commission to include declaration of emergencies. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management and establishes the position of Executive Director. Amends the composition of the Commission. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses.	H 1/21/2025: Referred to WAL, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 1	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WAL, JHA, FIN	SB272
HB509	State Water Code; Commission on Water Resource Management; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties.	H 1/21/2025: Referred to WAL, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 2	ICHIYAMA, HASHEM, TARNAS	WAL, JHA, FIN	
HB510 HD1	Commission on Water Resource Management; Water Shortage and Emergency; Declaration; Notice	RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.	Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/11/2025: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on JHA with Representative(s) Garcia voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Cochran, Ward excused (2).	ICHIYAMA, HASHEM, TARNAS	WAL, JHA	SB145
HB915 HD1	Water; CWRM; Residential and Mixed-use Developments; Board of Agriculture; DOH; Counties; Irrigation Projects	RELATING TO WATER USE.	Authorizes the Board of Agriculture to investigate and survey the availability of nonpotable water. Authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management, as a condition for issuing permits, to require the use of dual line water supply systems in new residential and mixed-use developments located in designated water management areas. Authorizes those residential and mixed-use developments to be included in irrigation projects, as defined in chapter 167, HRS. Requires the Department of Health, Board of Agriculture, and counties to update their rules, ordinances, to allow dual line water supply systems in residential and mixed-use developments. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 2/14/2025: Report adopted; referred to the committee(s) on JHA with Representative(s) Garcia, Pierick, Shimizu voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Muraoka voting no (1) and Representative(s) Cochran, Matayoshi, Poepoe, Ward excused (4).	HASHEM	WAL, AGR, JHA	SB1210
HB919	CWRM; Hawaiian Homes Commission; Membership	RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.	Adds the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Clarifies that only the five, non-ex-officio members appointed by the Governor are required to have substantial experience in water resource management.	H 1/23/2025: Referred to WAL, JHA, referral sheet 3	HOLT, GARCIA, HUSSEY, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, LAMOSAO, MARTEN, REYES ODA, SOUZA, TODD	WAL, JHA	

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SB1210	Water; CWRM; Residential and Mixed-use Developments; Board of Agriculture; DOH; Counties; Irrigation Projects	RELATING TO WATER USE.	Authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management, as a condition for issuing permits, to require the use of dual line water supply systems in new residential and mixed-use developments located in designated water management areas. Authorizes those residential and mixed-use developments to be included in irrigation projects, as defined in chapter 167, HRS. Authorizes the Board of Agriculture to investigate and survey the availability of nonpotable water. Requires the Department of Health, Board of Agriculture, and the counties to update their rules, ordinances, to allow dual line water supply systems in residential and mixed-use developments.	S 1/27/2025: Referred to HHS/WTL, WAM.	HASHIMOTO	HHS/WTL, WAM	HB915
SB1239	Potable Water; Nonpotable Water; Golf Courses; Irrigation; Water Conservation	RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.	Prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate golf courses subject to certain exceptions. Defines potable water.	S 1/27/2025: Referred to WTL/HHS, JDC/WAM.	AWA, DECORTE	WTL/HHS, JDC/WAM	
SB145	Commission on Water Resource Management; Water Shortage and Emergency; Declaration; Notice	RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.	Amends the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies.	S 2/12/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to JDC.	KEOHOKALOPE, CHANG, DECOITE, DECORTE, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, Inouye, San Buenaventura	WTL, JDC	HB510
SB1461	DLNR; CWRM; State Water Code; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties.	S 2/10/2025: The committee(s) on WTL deleted the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 02-10-25 1:00PM; CR 229 & Videoconference.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL, JDC	HB1142
SB150 SD1	Red Hill WAI Policy Coordinator; Red Hill Remediation Special Fund	RELATING TO RED HILL.	Establishes a Water Alliance Initiative Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)	S 2/14/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KEOHOKALOPE, CHANG, DECORTE, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, Kim, San Buenaventura, Wakai	WTL/AEN, WAM	HB505
SB1602	DLNR; Commission on Water Resource Management; Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Program; Keauhou Aquifer System; Reports; Appropriations	RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to install two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Program. Requires reports to the Legislature.	S 2/14/2025: The committee(s) on WAM will hold a public decision making on 02-19-25 10:02AM; Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.	KANUHA	WTL, WAM	HB1495
SB204	State Water Code; Commission on Water Resource Management; Penalties	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties. Makes the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary.	S 1/17/2025: Referred to WTL, JDC/WAM.	KEOHOKALOPE, CHANG, DECOITE, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, RHOADS	WTL, JDC/WAM	
SB205	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; HHC; CWRM; Membership	RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.	Adds the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or the chairperson's designee, to the Commission on Water Resource Management.	S 1/17/2025: Referred to WTL/HWN, WAM.	KEOHOKALOPE, CHANG, DECOITE, RICHARDS, Kanuha, San Buenaventura	WTL/HWN, WAM	
SB209	Water Use; Commission on Water Resource Management; Recreational or Ornamental Purposes; Prohibition	RELATING TO WATER.	Prohibits the use of 1,000,000 or more gallons of water per year for recreational or ornamental purposes.	S 1/17/2025: Referred to WTL, JDC.	FEVELLA	WTL, JDC	
SB272	Maui County Council Package; Water; CWRM; Emergency Orders; Water Shortages; Fines	RELATING TO WATER.	Defines the public trust responsibilities of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission to retain independent legal counsel. Amends the scope of the Commission to include declaration of emergencies. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management and establishes the position of Executive Director. Amends the composition of the Commission. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses.	S 1/21/2025: Referred to WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM	HB405

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SB3 SD1	CWRM; BLNR; Public Trust Purpose; Responsibilities; Board Membership	RELATING TO WATER.	Establishes a public trust purpose for the Commission on Water Resource Management. Allows the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent counsel. Repeals the First Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Establishes the Executive Director of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Administratively attaches the Commission on Water Resource Management to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Authorizes members of the Commission on Water Resource Management to be eligible to serve as chairperson. Requires the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Director of Health to serve as ex officio voting members ineligible to serve as chairperson. Authorizes entities to whom an emergency order is directed to challenge the order under certain conditions. Clarifies the notification requirements and contents of declarations of water shortages. Establishes fines. Makes conforming amendments. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	S 2/12/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to JDC/WAM.	INOUYE, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, Fevella	WTL/PSM, JDC/WAM	
SB386	DLNR; Maui County; Water Systems; Eminent Domain	RELATING TO WATER SYSTEMS.	Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to acquire all West Maui water systems by eminent domain and hold the water systems in trust for the County of Maui to manage.	S 2/3/2025: The committee on WTL deferred the measure.	MCKELVEY, CHANG, DECORTE, FEVELLA, SAN BUENAVENTURA	WTL, WAM/JDC	
SB438 SD1	DOH; CWRM; Waste or Disposal Facilities; Landfills; Solid Waste; Hazardous Waste; Aquifers; Agricultural Districts; Fly Ash; Bottom Ash; Prohibition	RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.	Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility for hazardous waste or solid waste on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health, in consultation with the Commission on Water Resource Management. Prohibits waste or disposal facility on class A and B agricultural land. Prohibits the use of fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor, including any ash residue that remains after removal of metals for recycling into new metal products, for the purposes of road building, construction, or as alternative daily cover material on a landfill. Requires fly ash, bottom ash, or a combination of fly ash and bottom ash from a municipal waste combustor to be disposed of in a double-lined and duly licensed municipal solid waste or hazardous waste landfill. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)	S 2/14/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	DELA CRUZ, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kim	HHS/WTL, WAM	
SB543	DLNR; CWRM; Red Hill WAI; Policy Lead and Coordination; Red Hill Remediation Special Fund; Public Trust Purpose; Responsibilities; Commission Membership; Executive Director; Independent Legal Counsel; Emergency Order; Water Emergencies; Water Shortage Declarations; Fines; Reports; Appropriations	RELATING TO WATER.	Part I: Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator and other positions within the Commission on Water Resource Management for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund. Requires reports to the Legislature, Governor, and Mayor and City Council of the City and County of Honolulu. Appropriates funds. Part II: Allows the Commission of Water Resource Management to retain independent legal counsel. Repeals the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission and establishes the position of Executive Director of the Commission. Amends the composition of the Commission and administratively attaches it to DLNR. Authorizes entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions. Establishes fines for certain water use offenses. Amends the Commission's authority to declare water emergencies and issue orders to address them and declare water shortages and related notice requirements. Specifies that the nominating committee of the Commission shall include one person appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.	S 1/21/2025: Referred to WTL/EIG, WAM/JDC.	GABBARD, AQUINO, CHANG, KIDANI, Richards	WTL/EIG, WAM/JDC	
SB848 SD1	Potable Water; Desalination; Planning Task Force	RELATING TO DESALINATION.	Establishes a Desalination Planning Task Force to examine the feasibility of, and develop a plan and timeline for, the use desalination as a source of potable water in the State. (SD1)	S 2/12/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KANUHA, AQUINO, CHANG, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Elefante	WTL, WAM	HB780
SB867 SD1	Affordable Housing; Watershed Management; Water Resources; Working Group; Reports	RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	Establishes a working group within the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes to ascertain the State's available water resources and water system source capacity and to streamline well permit approval processes to further plan for the development of affordable housing. Requires the working group to inventory all available water resources statewide and identify sources of aquifer replenishment in relation to affordable housing development. Requires an interim and final report to the Legislature. (SD1)	S 2/14/2025: Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KANUHA, CHANG, DECOITE, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, RHOADS, RICHARDS	HOU/WTL, WAM	