

**Tracked State Legislation Related to the Commission on Water Resource Management
for the 2026 Legislative Session**

Bill No.	Title	Description	Status	Introducer(s)	Referral	Companion
HB306 HD2 SD1	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code and authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every five years from 2030 to 2045. Effective 7/1/2040. (SD1)	S 4/21/2025: Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 755).	POEPOE, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TARNAS, TODD	WTL, JDC/WAM	
HB510 HD1 SD2	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. Limits the duration of a water shortage declaration to ninety days. Limits water usage restrictions imposed on a permittee or owner and operator to twenty per cent of the permittee's or owner and operator's last reported monthly use. Requires CWRM to maintain a list of names and postal or email addresses of persons who request notification of a water shortage declaration and send them a copy of a notice of a water shortage declaration whenever water shortage is declared. Effective 7/1/2040. (SD2)	S 4/15/2025: Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 732).	ICHIYAMA, HASHEM, TARNAS	WTL, JDC	SB145
HB1728 HD1	RELATING TO RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS.	Requires the counties to allow for the installation and operation of rainwater catchment systems for potable and non-potable uses on all properties. Requires the counties to regulate and enforce standards for the use of rainwater catchment systems. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 3/19/2026: The committee(s) on EIG recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EIG were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Wakai, Chang, DeCoite, Richards, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.	EVSLIN, AMATO, BELATTI, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, ILAGAN, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KUSCH, MARTEN, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, REYES ODA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TARNAS, Matayoshi	EIG/WLA, JDC	
HB2103 HD2	RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.	Amends the composition of the Land Use Commission to permit more than one member who has substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices and require at least one member who has substantial experience in water resource management. Requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to submit a list of nominees to the Governor for the appointment of a commission member having substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	S 3/21/2026: The committee(s) on WLA/HWN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-24-26 1:01PM; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WLA/HWN, JDC	SB2537

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HB2325 HD1	RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	Exempts certain positions within the State Historic Preservation Division and Commission on Water Resource Management within the Department of Land and Natural Resources from the state civil service law. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	S 3/10/2026: Referred to WLA/LBT, WAM.	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)	WLA/LBT, WAM	SB3145
HB2409	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.	Establishes the Hawaii Geological Survey in the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Designates the Director of the Survey, rather than the Geophysics and Planetology Institute specialist qualified in geology, as the State Geologist.	H 2/18/2026: The committee(s) on HED recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.	ILAGAN	HED, FIN	
HB2434	RELATING TO WATER.	Establishes a framework that provides counties or their subdivisions priority and the right of first refusal to obtain intergovernmental agreements related to the disposition of water resources for public purposes. Establishes criteria to be applied when determining that the issuance of a state water license is in the best interest of the State.	H 2/12/2026: The committee(s) on WAL recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.	POEPOE, AMATO, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, HOLT, KAPELA, KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, KILA, KUSCH, PERRUSO, Cochran	WAL, JHA	
SB2002 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO WATER.	Establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources a working group to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the governance and structure of the Commission on Water Resource Management to ensure that it effectively fulfills its constitutional public trust responsibilities while maintaining operational efficiency and implementation capacity. Sunsets the working group on 1/1/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 3/20/2026: Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on JHA with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Quintan excused (1).	INOUYE, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, MCKELVEY	WAL, JHA, FIN	
SB2022 SD1	RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	Adds a minimum penalty and maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code. Authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. Establishes factors the CWRM must consider when determining the amount of the penalty. Increases maximum fines every 5 years from 2031 to 2046. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	H 3/12/2026: Referred to WAL, JHA, referral sheet 17	INOUYE, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, KEOHOKALO, KIDANI	WAL, JHA	
SB2240 SD2	RELATING TO LAND USE.	Requires any petitioner for a district boundary amendment to obtain a written statement from the Commission on Water Resources Management on water availability in the hydrologic unit or units where the parcel is located and provide that certification to the Land Use Commission. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	H 3/12/2026: Referred to WAL, JHA, referral sheet 17	CHANG, KIDANI	WAL, JHA	HB1848

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SB2800 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.	Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire, repair, and maintain irrigation systems in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	H 3/20/2026: Bill scheduled to be heard by WAL on Tuesday, 03-24-26 9:00AM in House conference room 411 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.	DELA CRUZ, CHANG, ELEFANTE, HASHIMOTO, KIDANI, Wakai	AGR, WAL, FIN	
SB2921 SD1	RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.	Transfers to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds and programs. (SD1)	H 3/12/2026: Referred to FIN, referral sheet 17	DELA CRUZ	FIN	