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Key: Bill passed, Bill moving, Bill stalled, Bill dead (for this session), Bill signed by Governor

Bill number	Title Description	Introducer(s)	Status
HB808 HD1	RELATING TO SHARK AND RAY PROTECTION <i>Establishes penalties and fines for any person who knowingly captures, takes, possesses, abuses, or entangles any shark, whether alive or dead, or kills any shark, within state marine waters. Makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly capture, taking, possession, abuse, or entanglement of any shark whether dead or alive, or killing of any shark, within state marine waters. Expands the existing prohibition on knowingly capturing or killing a manta ray to include all rays. Expands the prohibition regarding rays to cover knowingly capturing, taking, possessing, abusing, or entangling a ray, whether alive or dead, or killing a ray, within state marine waters. Provides certain exemptions</i>	NISHIMOTO, BELATTI, JOHANSON, C. LEE, LOWEN, YAMANE	3/7-Crossed over to Senate
SB1371 SD2	RELATING TO LAY NETS <i>Prohibits the use of lay nets for fishing, except under a permit obtained by the department of land and natural resources. Establishes the use of lay nets for fishing as a misdemeanor offense with a mandatory minimum period of imprisonment of one day</i>	K. KAHELE, RIVIERE, RUDERMAN, Baker, S. Chang, Ihara, Inouye, Kanuha, Keith-Agaran, Moriwaki, Nishihara, Shimabukuro, Wakai	3/5-Crossed over to House
SB1403 SD2	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS <i>Provides that no more than forty-one permits may be issued for the Maui</i>	BAKER, ENGLISH, KEITH-AGARAN, K.	3/5-Crossed over to House

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	<i>Molokini Shoal marine life conservation district and that no more than twenty permitted vessels may be granted entry to the crater at any one time.</i>	RHOADS, RIVIERE, Kanuha, Kim, Nishihara	
HB851	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION <i>Prohibits the commercial capture of aquatic life for aquarium purposes</i>	WILDBERGER, CACHOLA, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, QUINLAN, TODD, Lowen, San Buenaventura	<i>1/28-Referred to EEP/WLH, JUD, FIN</i>
SB931 SD2	RELATING TO MARINE AQUARIUM FISHING <i>Prohibits all commercial capture of aquatic life for aquarium purposes, regardless of the method of collection</i>	K. KAHELE, INOUE, K. RHOADS, RUDERMAN, Kanuha	<i>3/5-Crossed over to House</i>
HB853	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION <i>Establishes penalties and fines for the knowing capture, taking, possession, abuse, entanglement, or killing of sharks in state marine waters. Expands existing prohibition on knowingly capturing or killing manta rays to include all rays and to include taking, possession, abuse, and entanglement of rays</i>	LOWEN, BROWER, CREAGAN, DECOITE, GATES, B. KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, NAKAMURA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, QUINLAN, TARNAS, THIELEN, TODD, WILDBERGER, WOODSON, YAMANE, San Buenaventura	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, JUD</i>
SB489 SD2	RELATING TO SHARK AND RAY PROTECTION <i>Establishes an offense of knowingly capturing, taking, possessing, abusing, entangling, or killing a shark in state marine waters, along with penalties and</i>	GABBARD, KEITH-AGARAN, K. RHOADS, Ihara, Riviere, Ruderman,	<i>3/7-Crossed over to the House</i>

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	<i>fines. Expands the existing prohibition on knowingly capturing killing a manta ray in state marine waters to apply to all rays and to also include knowingly taking, possessing, abusing, or entangling a ray. Provides certain exemptions</i>	Shimabukuro	
HB1031	RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBOR FACILITIES <i>Clarifies that certain fees for state small boat harbors shall be established by appraisal by a state-licensed appraiser approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and shall be set at fair market value. Clarifies fees charged for vessels used for commercial purposes</i>	SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, FIN</i>
SB1257 SD2	RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBOR FACILITIES <i>Clarifies that certain fees for state small boat harbors shall be established by appraisal by a state-licensed appraiser approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and shall be set at fair market value. Clarifies fees charged for vessels used for commercial purposes</i>	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>3/5-Crossed over to House</i>
HB1108	RELATING TO TOURISM <i>Beginning July 1, 2022, requires persons who use the Na Ala Hele trail system for commercial purposes and applicants for new and renewal commercial use permits in state parks, small boat harbors, and ocean recreation management areas; instructor/operator permits; and common carrier certificates and contract carrier permits covering the transportation of passengers to hold and annually maintain a sustainable tourism certificate from the Hawaii Ecotourism Association, achieve and maintain green business recognition by the Hawaii Green Business Program, and ensure that at least one-third of staff members employed by the applicant who have direct contact with visitors are certified as professional tour guides.</i>	TODD, BROWER, CACHOLA, CREAGAN, GATES, HASHIMOTO, HOLT, LOWEN, MATAYOSHI, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, WILDBERGER	<i>1/28-Referred to TIA, WLH, FIN</i>

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SB364 SD2	<p><i>Requires the University of Hawaii to update the certification for professional tour guides curriculum and examination, subject to approval by the aha moku advisory committee, by June 30, 2020, and every ten years thereafter. Requires recertification and renewal of certification for professional tour guides every two years</i></p> <p>RELATING TO TOURISM <i>Beginning July 1, 2022, requires persons who use the Na Ala Hele trail system for commercial purposes and applicants for new and renewal commercial use permits in state parks, small boat harbors, and ocean recreation management areas; instructor/operator permits; and common carrier certificates and contract carrier permits covering the transportation of passengers to hold and annually maintain a sustainable tourism certificate from the Hawaii Ecotourism Association, achieve and maintain green business recognition by the Hawaii Green Business Program, and ensure that at least one-third of staff members employed by the applicant who have direct contact with visitors are certified as professional tour guides. Requires the University of Hawaii to update the certification for professional tour guides curriculum and examination, subject to approval by the aha moku advisory committee, by June 30, 2020, and every ten years thereafter. Requires recertification and renewal of certification for professional tour guides every two years</i></p>	DELA CRUZ, S. Chang, Keith-Agaran	3/5-Crosseed over to House
HB446 HD1	<p>RELATING TO FISHING <i>Establishes a near shore fishing tour guide license requirement. Expands permitted fishing areas for near shore fishing tour guides</i></p>	YAMANE, AQUINO, CULLEN	2/15-passed second reading as HD1 and referred to FIN
HB776	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL	YAMANE	2/8-Passed

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HD1	MARINE LICENSES <i>Authorizes the DLNR to create different types of commercial marine licenses. Clarifies that commercial marine licenses are required of all charter and guide services regardless of whether they are tied to a vessel. Exempts commercial marine licenses from the licensing sanctions for student loan default</i>		<i>second reading as amended as HD1 and referred to CPC</i>
HB1410 HD1	RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES <i>Adds a member to the Board of Land and Natural Resources who has demonstrated knowledge of the State's boating and fishing communities</i>	TOKIOKA, DECOITE, KONG, SAY, YAMANE	<i>2/15-passed second reading as amended in HD1 and referred to JUD</i>
SB521 SD1	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION <i>Requires counties to collect and dispose plastic marine debris and to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds</i>	GABBARD, K. RHOADS, RIVIERE, RUDERMAN, Nishihara, Taniguchi	<i>2/15-Passed second reading as amended (SD1) and referred to WAM</i>
SB1136 SD1	RELATING TO FISHING <i>Prohibits scuba spearfishing at night for the purpose of taking aquatic life, except through a permit.</i>	RIVIERE, RUDERMAN, Kim	<i>2/15-Passed second reading as amended (SD1) and referred to JDC</i>
HB849	RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SHORELINE IN SOUTH MAUI <i>Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in collaboration with the county councilmember representing the south Maui residency area, Kihei Community Association, and 'Aha Moku O Kula Makai, to develop a master plan to expand public access to the shoreline in south Maui, particularly state-owned land. Appropriate funds.</i>	WILDBERGER, LOWEN, MCKELVEY, QUINLAN, TARNAS, THIELEN, TODD, Cachola	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, FIN</i>
SB1327	RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SHORELINE IN SOUTH MAUI <i>Requires the Department of Land and</i>	BAKER, KEITH-AGARAN, S. Chang, Fevella,	<i>2/15-Passed second reading and referred to</i>

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	<i>Natural Resources, in collaboration with the county councilmember representing the south Maui residency area, Kihei Community Association, and 'Aha Moku O Kula Makai, to develop a master plan to expand public access to the shoreline in south Maui, particularly state-owned land. Appropriates funds</i>	Nishihara, Shimabukuro	<i>JDC/WAM</i>
HB1023	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES <i>Clarifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the authority to establish different types of commercial marine licenses, including but not limited to commercial marine vessel licenses, fishery and gear-specific commercial marine licenses, and full-time and part-time commercial marine licenses. Requires any person providing fishing charter of guide services, whether vessel-based or shore-based, to first obtain a commercial marine license</i>	SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH/TRN, CPC, FIN</i>
SB1249 SD1	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES <i>Clarifies that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the authority to establish different types of commercial marine licenses, including but not limited to commercial marine vessel licenses, fishery and gear-specific commercial marine licenses, and full-time and part-time commercial marine licenses. Requires any person providing fishing charter of guide services, whether vessel-based or shore-based, to first obtain a commercial marine license</i>	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>2/15-Passed second reading as amended (SD1) and referred to CPH/JDC</i>
HB1034	RELATING TO THE TAKING OF NATURAL RESOURCES <i>Clarifies that nay police officer or agent of the Department of Land and Natural Resources upon whom the Board of Land and Natural Resources has conferred police powers may, in the performance of</i>	SAIKI (introduced by request of another party)	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, JUD, FIN</i>

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SB1260	<p><i>their primary duties, inspect certain items for compliance with title 12, chapters 6D, 6E, and 6K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any rule adopted thereunder, relating to the protection and conservation of natural resources</i></p> <p>RELATING TO THE TAKING OF NATURAL RESOURCES <i>Clarifies that any police officer or agent of the Department of Land and Natural Resources upon whom the Board of Land and Natural Resources has conferred police powers may, in the performance of their primary duties, inspect certain items for compliance with title 12, chapters 6D, 6E, and 6K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any rule adopted thereunder, relating to the protection and conservation of natural resources.</i></p>	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	2/13 Report adopted and passed second reading as amended (SD1); referred to JDC
HB321	<p>RELATING TO FISHING Prohibits line-and-hook or net fishing at any time in the Kaimana Beach-Waikiki Shoreline Fisheries Management Area, which includes the portion of the submerged lands and overlying waters beginning at the high-water mark on the shoreline to a distance of 300 yards or to the seaward edge of the fringing reef if one occurs beyond 300 yards, and between the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium</p>	B. KOBAYASHI	1/22-Referred to WLH, JUD
HB355	<p>RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES <i>Requires commercial marine license applicants to appear in person before the department of land and natural resources. Prohibits the department from issuing or renewing a commercial marine license to an alien crew member who has not been granted permission to land temporarily pursuant to federal law</i></p>	SAIKI	1/22-Referred to WLH/TRN, JUD
SB329	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL	K. RHOADS, S.	2/4-Re-referred to WTL, JDC

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SD1	MARINE LICENSES <i>Requires commercial marine license applicants to appear in person before the department of land and natural resources. Prohibits the department from issuing or renewing a commercial marine license to an alien crew member who has not been granted permission to land temporarily pursuant to federal law</i>	CHANG, GABBARD	
HB784	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURSIM AUTHORITY <i>Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii tourism authority to promote Hawaii's efforts to protect the environment, marine life conservation districts, and coral reefs and provide guidance on the dangers of sunscreens that contain oxybenzone and octinoxate and how tourists can help protect Hawaii's environment.</i>	DECOITE, CACHOLA, ELI, GATES, HASHIMOTO, ICHIYAMA, B. KOBOYASHI, KONG, LOWEN, MORIKAWA, SAY, TODD, TOKIOKA, WILDBERGER, YAMASHITA, Nakamura	<i>1/28-Referred to TIA, EEP, FIN</i>
SB266	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY <i>Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii tourism authority to promote Hawaii's efforts to protect the environment, marine life conservation districts, and coral reefs and provide guidance on the dangers of sunscreens that contain oxybenzone and octinoxate and how tourists can help protect Hawaii's environment</i>	GABBARD, ENGLISH, HARIMOTO, K. RHOADS, Ihara, Kanuha, Keithg- Agaran, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi	<i>1/22-Referred to EET/AEN, WAM</i>
HB794	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS <i>Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish the Hau'ula Beach Park Marine Life Conservation District</i>	QUINLAN, BELATTI, BROWER, GATES, HASHIMOTO, HOLT, JOHANSON, D. KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, LOWEN,	<i>2/5-Re-Referred to WLH/EEP, FIN</i>

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		MATAYOSHI, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, TAKUMI, TODD, WILDBERGER, San Beuenaventura	
HB795	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS <i>Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish the Laniakea Beach Marine Life Conservation District. Prohibits certain ocean recreation activities within the District</i>	QUILAN, BELATTI, BROWER, GATES, HOLT, JOHANSON, D. KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, LOWEN, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, TAKAYAMA, TODD, YAMANE, YAMASHITA, Matayoshi, San Buenabentura, Tarnas, Thielen, Wildberger	<i>2/5-Re-Referred to WLH/EEP, FIN</i>
HB837	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE <i>Specifies the required and permitted uses of the environmental response revolving fund. Appropriates funds for the environmental disaster standby and response facility for native wildlife affected by an oil-or fuel-related disaster</i>	TARNAS, HAR, LOWEN, QUINLAN, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, THIELEN, TODD, Wildberger	<i>1/28-Referred to EEP, FIN</i>
HB1075	RELATING TO BAG LIMITS <i>Repeals the statutory prohibition of taking or killing female spiny lobsters, Kona crabs, and Samoan crabs.</i>	TOKIOKA, DECOITE, KONG, SAY	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, JUD</i>
HB1152	RELATING TO MARINE RESOURCES <i>Appropriates funds to establish a full-time temporary Program Specialist V position to support the coordination and implementation of the Marine 30x30 Initiative. Appropriates funds for the Marine 30x30 Initiative strategic communication and stakeholder</i>	TARNAS, GATES, HAR, HASHIMOTO, KITAGAWA, D. KOBAYASHI, PERRUSO, TAKAYAMA, THIELEN,	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, FIN</i>

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	engagement process	TODD, WILDBERGER, YAMASHITA	
HB1181	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a ten-year study of Maunalua Bay	WARD, CABANILLA ARAKAWA, CREAGAN, KONG, MATSUMOTO, MCDERMOTT, QUINLAN, Kitagawa, Matayoshi, Perruso	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH, FIN</i>
SB353	RELATING TO HEALTH <i>Requires DLNR to establish a two-year pilot program to install sunscreen dispensers at Hanauma Bay and Waikiki beaches to provide sunscreens without oxybenzone or octinoxate to visitors and educate visitors on the harmful effects of oxybenzone and octinoxate on the marine environment. Appropriates funds for the pilot program.</i>	S. CHANG, GABBARD, Baker, L. Thielen	<i>1/22-Referred to WTL, WAM</i>
HB1024	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION <i>Establishes the Marine Life Conservation Special Fund. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collect nonresident user fees and require permits for entry into the boundaries of any marine life conservation district.</i>	SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>1/28-Referred to WLH/EEP, FIN</i>
SB1250	RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION <i>Establishes the Marine Life Conservation Special Fund. Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collect nonresident user fees and require permits for entry into the boundaries of any marine life conservation district.</i>	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	<i>2/4-WTL Deferred the measure</i>
HB447	RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES <i>Establishes the Molokini special fund.</i>	YAMANE, CULLEN, DECOITE,	<i>1/25-WLH Deferred</i>

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	<i>Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to require commercial operators who conduct activities within the Molokini shoal to charge a user fee for each customer. Appropriates funds</i>	LOWEN, MCKELVEY, WILDBERGER, WOODSON	
HB1123	RELATING TO FISHING <i>Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to perform a stock assessment on the fish species in the affected area prior to adopting any new rules to regulate fishing</i>	YAMANE, CULLEN, TARNAS, TODD, WILDBERGER	<i>2/27-JUD deferred</i>