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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 31, 2008
TIME: 2:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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SB 3215

Testimony

RELATING TO BIODIESEL.

Provides various market stimulation incentives for the development of biodiesel, including making state agricultural lands available for biodiesel fuel crops; establishing a state biodiesel feedstock crop and biodiesel fuel purchasing program; and creating tax exemptions for biomass crushing facilities and lands used for biodiesel feedstock crops.

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SB 2766

Testimony

RELATING TO ETHANOL.

Creates a tax credit for retail stations for the installation of E-85 fueling facilities. Effective 12/31/08.

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SB 2764

Testimony

RELATING TO ETHANOL FACILITY TAX CREDIT.

Repeals the qualifying capacity limits of ethanol production facilities, provides a vehicle to change the total tax credits allowed per year, and repeals the sunset provision with respect to the total annual nameplate capacity for qualifying ethanol production facilities.

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<u>SB 2468</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ETHANOL FACILITY TAX CREDIT. Caps the total annual amount of ethanol facility tax credits allowed at \$8,000,000 between 01/01/08 to 12/31/12.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2632</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. Adds concentrating solar power energy systems as a new category for claiming the renewable energy technologies tax credit.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2623</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. Expands the renewable energy technologies tax credit to include solar electric energy systems.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2744</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HYDROGEN FUEL. Provides a tax credit and general excise tax exemption for the hydrogen fuel industry.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2455</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. Expands the renewable energy technologies tax credit to include hydrogen energy systems.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2932</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TAX. Increases the state environmental response tax on petroleum in order to increase funding available for energy conservation, alternative energy development, global warming initiatives, and other programs pursuant to section 128D, HRS.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2032</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. Increases the income tax credit for wind-powered energy systems to thirty-five per cent of the actual cost or a maximum amount, whichever is less.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2986</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO REFUNDABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT. Allows a taxpayer with an adjusted gross income of \$20,000 or less to take a refundable tax credit for the purchase and installation of a renewable energy technology, which includes solar water heating, photovoltaic, and wind systems.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 3230</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Establishes the energy security special fund and the energy security tax and appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/08.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2943</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Increases incentives for renewable energy.	ENE, EDT, WAM
<u>SB 2945</u> <u>Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Provides for the organization of renewable energy cooperatives to generate, transmit, and sell electricity to their membership. Authorizes issuance of revenue bonds to finance costs related to constructing, upgrading, and acquiring transmission facilities. Exempts cooperatives from Public Utilities Commission regulation, except for interconnection agreements.	ENE, CPH, WAM



SB 2946

Testimony

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITY ZONES. ENE, EDT, WAM
Requires director of business, economic development, and tourism, in consultation with advisory committee, to designate renewable energy opportunity zones, and determine types of energy generation for a zone, number of zones, and period of zones, and to perform required EIS for zones and expedite issuance of county permits.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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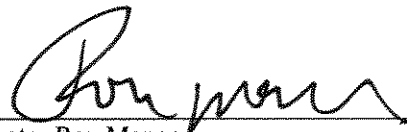
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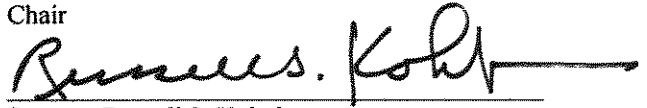
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