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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:     Thursday, February 02, 2012  
TIME:     10:00 a.m.  
PLACE:    Conference Room 325  
           State Capitol  
           415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HEARING

HB 2400  
Status

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Limits the operations of any electric public utility. Requires acquisition of electricity by a power purchase agreement with an unaffiliated entity. Requires utility to purchase lowest cost nonfossil fuel generated electricity prior to purchasing fossil fuel generated electricity. Requires PUC to establish a statewide electricity rate. Exempts IRC section 501(c)(12) utilities. Prioritizes geothermal as a replacement for fossil fuel. Effective 1/01/15.

DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Thursday, January 26, 2012, 10:00 a.m.**

HB 2260  
Status

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

EEP, ERB, FIN

Requires businesses in the State to collect a fee for single-use checkout bags provided to a customer. Allows businesses to keep twenty per cent of the fees for the first year of the program and ten per cent of the fees thereafter, subject to income and general excises taxes. Requires fees to be collected on single-use checkout bags not prohibited by county ordinance. Deposits \$800,000 annually of fees into a special account in the general fund for costs relating to the single-use checkout buy fee, \$11,000,000 into the natural area reserves fund, and the remainder into the general fund. Requires reports to the legislature.



DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Denny Coffman  
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