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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2752, SD1 (SSCR2736) Status	RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow electric utility companies to recover all power purchase costs that have been approved by the Commission. (SD1)	EEP, CPC, FIN
SB 2787, SD2 (SSCR2743) Status	RELATING TO ELECTRICITY. Authorizes the PUC to develop, adopt, and enforce reliability standards and interconnection requirements; authorizes the PUC to contract for the performance of related duties with a party that will serve as the Hawaii electricity reliability administrator. Authorizes the collection of a Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge to be collected by Hawaii's electric utilities. (SD2)	EEP, CPC, FIN
SB 1197, SD2 (SSCR533) Status	RELATING TO ENERGY. Proposed HD 1: Authorizes the PUC to establish a grid reliability rate surcharge to electric utility companies to encourage the negotiation of new or existing power purchase agreements with renewable energy producers that contain an avoided cost rate and generally eliminate curtailment. Authorizes the PUC to provide a higher rate of return to an electric utility company for capital investments made to support the integration of new renewable energy based power generation facilities.	EEP, EDN, FIN
SB 656, SD1 (SSCR54) Status	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Requires the public utilities commission to publish contracts, including price information, for the purchase of renewable energy by energy utilities on a publicly-accessible portion of the commission's website. (SD1)	EEP, CPC/JUD, FIN



SB 2981, SD2 (SSCR2679) Status	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Allows the public utilities commission to direct electric utilities to develop or consider specific scenarios and resource options as part of their integrated resource plans. (SD2)	EEP, CPC, FIN
SB 2512, SD2 (SSCR2716) Status	RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY. Renames the Hawaii economic development task force the Hawaii food and energy security council and extends the sunset date of the council to 6/30/14. (SD2)	EEP, AGR, FIN
SB 2511, SD2 (SSCR2715) Status	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. 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 all fees into a special account in the environmental management special fund. Requires first \$800,000 of all fees collected to be expended by DOH for costs relating to administrative, education, audit, compliance, and enforcement activities associated with the fee. Requires any remaining fees collected to be deposited in the environmental response revolving fund	EEP, ERB, FIN

Copies of the proposed HD 1 are available in room 317 and on the Legislature's Web site: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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WEB: For comments less than 10MB in size, transmit from <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>.

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