

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
TIME: 08:30 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 592 Status	RELATING TO UTILITIES. Requires the public utilities commission to explore, through its docket process, the feasibility of relocating above-ground electrical transmission lines and distribution lines underground in high-risk areas on the island of Maui. Requires the public utilities commission to submit a report to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2022.	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 78 Status	RELATING TO THE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES. Eliminates the requirement for a public utility to seek approval from the public utilities commission for the underground construction of high-voltage electric transmission lines if certain conditions are met.	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 560 Status	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Provides for timely review by the public utilities commission in its decision-making process regarding proposed renewable energy projects. Requires timely completion of the interconnection process by electric public utilities.	EEP, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB 115</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Facilitates the timely interconnection and transmission lines for renewable energy projects.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 111</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Prohibits, after _____, any new extension, improvements, overhauling, or refurbishing of any fossil fuel electricity generation or fossil-fuel powered electricity use for grid-tied battery energy storage. Prohibits after _____, the use of fossil fuels for electricity generation or grid-tied battery energy storage.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 561</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Requires the public utilities commission to determine whether analysis of the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels is necessary for proceedings involving water, wastewater, or telecommunications providers on an individual basis. Provides that the analysis is not required for an electric or gas utility's routine system replacements or determinations that do not directly pertain to capital improvements or operations.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 116</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Authorizes the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules to enforce minimum efficiency standards for certain products and establish or amend appliance efficiency standards in certain situations. Regulates the appliance efficiency standards for air purifiers and portable electric spas.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 555</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Requires retailers of household appliances to conspicuously display available energy efficiency rebates funded by the public benefits fee and state-specific energy operation costs. Requires the public benefits fee administrator to create and update the template to be used by retailers. Requires the Hawaii state energy office and administrator to give notice to retailers.	EEP, ECD, CPC
<u>HB 328</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Allows for the installation of certain energy-efficient technologies on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse, with limited restrictions. Requires private entities to adopt rules regarding the placement of those technologies.	EEP, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 860</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ROOFTOP SOLAR INSTALLATION. Beginning 1/1/2022, prohibits the issuance of building permits for new single-family dwellings that are part of a development of twenty or more dwellings and do not include a rooftop photovoltaic energy generating system, unless a variance is granted.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 906</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY ASSURANCE. Addresses deficiencies in Hawaii's fuel shortage response and energy emergency statutes; provides policy guidance on energy resiliency and actual or potential energy supply disruptions or shortages to preserve the State's energy resiliency and security and to ensure that fuel products and energy resources are made available to emergency services and the public in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner.	EEP, CPC, FIN

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RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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Requires that the state building code council include voting members with experience and knowledge in building energy efficiency standards and sustainable building, design, construction, and operation. Requires that the counties amend or adopt their respective building codes and standards based upon the International Energy Conservation Code no later than one year after the adoption of the Hawaii state building energy conservation code.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be able to testify. However, all written submissions will be considered by the committee.

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For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-8400.

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

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