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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2021
TIME: 09:00 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1333](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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Requires the Hawaii state energy office, in consultation with the department of health, to conduct a comprehensive study to determine best practices for disposal and recycling of discarded clean energy products in the State. Appropriates funds for the study.

[HB 1290](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Authorizes government agencies to wheel electricity that is produced by their own facilities from renewable energy sources to another agency's facilities, subject to disallowance by the public utilities commission.

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<u>HB 803</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. Authorizes each county to adopt ordinances to enforce section 291-71, HRS, including the establishment of penalties for failure to comply with its requirements or make reasonable efforts to maintain electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in working order. Clarifies that certain enforcement officers may enter private property to enforce EV parking space violations. Requires new EV charging systems installed pursuant to the EV charging system requirement to be at least Level 2 and internet-capable.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1142</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Establishes a surcharge on the sale of high-end gasoline-powered vehicles to fund the installation of electric vehicle charging systems. Establishes electric vehicle charging system subaccount within the public utilities commission special fund. Sunsets 6/30/2030.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1140</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. Prohibits the issuance of certain new residential multi-family and commercial building application permits and new state building application permits initiated on or after January 1, 2022, unless the building's parking stalls are electric vehicle charger ready. Allows such buildings to implement an electric vehicle energy management system.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 550</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Requires and establishes deadlines for state facilities, except smaller facilities and facilities at Aloha Stadium, to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures. Directs the Hawaii state energy office to collect utility bill and energy usage data for state-owned buildings and to make the data publicly available. Provides that certain agencies that perform energy efficiency retrofitting may continue to receive appropriations for energy expenditures at an amount that accounts for any costs or debt service for the implementation and management of energy efficiency measures. Beginning 7/1/2021, requires, where feasible and cost-effective, the design of all new state building construction to maximize energy and water efficiency, maximize energy generation potential, and use building materials that reduce the carbon footprint of the project.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1316</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PACKAGING WASTE. Requires producers of packaging waste be responsible for the end-of-life management of their products in a way that ensures minimal social and environmental impacts. Allows the department of health to administratively impose civil penalties. Establishes the waste and litter management special fund.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1102</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL. Prohibits the intentional release of balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air.	EEP, JHA
<u>HB 1317</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT. Allows county governments to enter into private-public partnerships for the services and transferring, or joint venturing of one or more of their wastewater treatment facilities to a private entity, or its wholly owned nonprofit management entity, for the delivery of those services.	EEP, CPC, FIN

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<u>HB 1319</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CARBON PRICING. Amends the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to address carbon emissions. Increases the tax rate to effectively set a price of \$40 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions in 2022. Incrementally increases the tax rate over time so that, in 2032, the tax rate shall be equivalent to a carbon price of \$80 per metric ton of carbon emissions. Establishes a refundable tax credit to mitigate the effect of a carbon emissions tax on taxpayers. Takes effect 1/1/2022. Tax credit applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2021.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1350</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Requires the environmental council to develop a tool to identify economic justice communities. Defines "economic justice community". Appropriates moneys.	EEP, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1318</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY. Restructures the statewide sustainability branch as the sustainability and environmental review division. Transfers the environmental council from the department of health to be established in the office of planning as the environmental advisory council. Transfers the rights, powers, employees, appropriations, and other personal property from the office of environmental quality control to the sustainability and environmental review division. Amends the ability for an applicant to appeal nonacceptance of an environmental impact statement from the environmental council to the environmental advisory council.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 842</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. Establishes the Environmental Impact Statement Hub as a hearing and notification website within the Office of Environmental Quality Control to notify the public of current and upcoming Environmental Impact Statement hearings, public comment periods, and allowing comments to be submitted online. Appropriates funds.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 901</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. Amends the environmental impact statement law to delete reference to discretionary permits in allowing infrastructure improvements within a highway or public right-of-way to be exempt from environmental assessment requirements.	EEP, JHA
<u>HB 557</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Requires the employees' retirement system to reevaluate its investments in coal, oil, natural gas, oil or natural gas services, and pipeline companies and over the next five years, divest of holdings in any companies that have a majority of its holdings invested in fossil fuels, rather than clean renewable energy sources.	EEP, LAT, FIN
<u>HB 410</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TREE PLANTING. Requires that eighth grade students and twelfth grade students in Hawaii public schools along with University of Hawaii undergraduate students plant trees.	EEP, EDN/HET, FIN

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Decision Making

The following measure(s) were previously heard on February 4, 2021. No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 856](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.

EEP, WAL, FIN

Part I: broadens the definition of "food waste" as used in integrated solid waste management. Excludes facilities designed primarily for composting organic material such as food waste and green waste, on-site school campus food waste programs, and recycling drop-off facilities from the requirement that waste or disposal facilities shall not be constructed, modified, or expanded without first establishing a buffer zone of no less than one-half mile from the nearest residential, school, or hospital property line. Part II: establishes a class of artisan-scale composting operations exempt from department of health regulations to divert organic materials from Hawaii's landfills.

[HB 1349](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATEWIDE COMPOSTING.

EEP, HHH, FIN

Requires the department of health to establish a multi-tiered registration and permitting system for all classes of solid waste composting facilities. Requires the department of health to update its co composting rules by 1/1/2023, and every ten years thereafter. Permits composting and co-composting operations in agricultural districts.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

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