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SENATE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SAFETY

HONOLULU – December 3, 2012 – Following the fire that destroyed the battery storage at First Wind's Kahuku wind project on August 1, 2012, the Senate Energy and Environment Committee will be holding an informational briefing on the safety of energy storage systems at the State Capitol in Room 229 on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, starting at 10 a.m.

The presenters will be:

- Tom Siegel, Vice President of Transmission for First Wind
- Alan Gotcher, President and Chief Executive Officer of Xtreme Power, which built the battery storage
- Gary Gill, Deputy Director of the Hawai'i Department of Health
- Scott Furgerson, Director of Engineering and Construction for Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, developer of the Auwahi Wind project
 - Christopher Ward, Senior project Manager of Engineering and construction
 - Kevin Gillespie, Director of Operations and Maintenance
 - Kanoa Taylor, Wind facilities Manager for Auwahi Wind
- Jim Spaeth, Pacific Region Senior Advisor for the U.S. Department of Energy and Ross Guttromson, Manager of Energy Storage and Transmission Analysis for Sandia National Laboratories

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