

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
Rep. Lisa Marten, Vice Chair

Rep. Mark J. Hashem Rep. Chris Todd
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi Rep. James Kunane Tokioka
Rep. Amy A. Perruso Rep. Lauren Matsumoto

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2022
TIME: 9:00AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please note that the committee members will participate remotely via videoconference.
Click [here](#) to submit testimony and to testify remotely.

A live stream link of all House Standing Committee meetings will be available online
shortly before the scheduled start time.

Click [here](#) for the live stream of this meeting via YouTube.
Click [here](#) for select hearings broadcast live on 'Ōlelo Community Media for cable TV.

A G E N D A

[HB 1800](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Establishes a goal for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be at least seventy per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. Requires the Hawaii state energy office to conduct a study to determine Hawaii's pathway to decarbonization and identify challenges, opportunities, and actions that will be needed to achieve those goals. Appropriates funds out of the energy security special fund for the study.

[HB 1522](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop an estimated social cost of carbon; each regulated electric and gas utility to use the estimated social cost of carbon in the utility's respective integrated resource planning process; and the State to consider the estimated social cost of carbon in planning new infrastructure and capital improvement projects.



<u>HB 1801</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Requires and establishes deadlines for state facilities, except smaller facilities, 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. Establishes a goal for the State to achieve at least twenty-five percent reduction in the electricity consumption of state facilities. Beginning 7/1/2023, 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 1521</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Requires the public utilities commission to open one or more proceedings to consider low- and moderate-income rates, bill credits, or direct payments and whether these would be appropriate for the State; the advantages and disadvantages of rate design, program offerings, and the requirements of community benefits agreements; and other customer-centric solutions to lessen the energy burden on low- and moderate-income customers.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 1807</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY INTERCONNECTION. Directs the public utilities commission to adopt guidelines for interconnection applications that would trigger distribution, transmission, or other utility infrastructure upgrade costs in excess of a threshold determined by the commission.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1595</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Authorizes independent generators of renewable energy to wheel the renewable electricity they produce to users of renewable energy under administrative rules established by the Public Utilities Commission.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1524</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY RESOURCES. Amends the definition of "petroleum product" to mean any product derived from the distillation of crude oil.	EEP, CPC
<u>HB 1637</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Prohibits the counties from imposing a real property tax on land or land improvements used for the production or storage of renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility. Permits a county to impose an annual fee of up to \$1,000 per megawatt of nameplate AC capacity generated by a renewable energy project that is actively producing and selling energy to an electric utility and sited on real property within that county.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 1809</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a renewable fuels production tax credit.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1808</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES. Increases the percentage of royalties received by the State from geothermal resources that are to be paid to the county in which the geothermal resources are located. Requires the royalties paid to a county to be used for further geothermal resources discovery and development. Requires the county to submit an annual report to the legislature.	EEP, CPC, FIN



[HB 1806](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.
Requires the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools upon sale of real property, with certain exemptions. Establishes a temporary income tax credit until 12/31/2035 for costs of cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection.

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 1806](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSION.
Requires cesspools in the State to be upgraded or converted to a wastewater system approved by the Department of Health before 1/1/2050.

EEP, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. 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 provided an opportunity to offer verbal comments. However, remote testifiers' written submissions will be considered by the committee.

Please refrain from profanity or uncivil behavior. Violations may result in ejection from the hearing without the ability to rejoin.

The House will not be responsible for bad connections on the testifier's end.

For general help navigating the committee hearing process, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

The cable TV broadcast and/or live stream of this meeting will include closed captioning. If you require other auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e. interpretive services (oral or written) or ASL interpreter) or are unable to submit testimony via the website due to a disability, please contact the committee clerk at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so that arrangements can be made.

Click [here](#) for a complete list of House Guidelines for public testimony.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

