

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2022
TIME: 3:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

**PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF 1) FULL VACCINATION OR 2) A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST TAKEN WITHIN 72-HOURS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE STATE CAPITOL BEGINNING ON MARCH 7, 2022
BUILDING HOURS: 7AM TO 5PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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*Effective March 7, 2022, the Legislature will accept written, videoconference, and in-person testimony at public hearings.
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A G E N D A

[HB 2256, HD1, SD1](#)

[\(SSCR3242\)](#)

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RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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Establishes a Department of Environmental Protection on July 1, 2026. Creates a Department of Environmental Protection Working Group to address the logistics required for the State to establish a Department of Environmental Protection. Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2025 Regular Session. Effective 7/1/2100. (SD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Please note the following:

- The number of oral testifiers and/or time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair when necessary to adhere to the committee hearing schedule. We may not be able to accommodate everyone who requests to testify orally.
- Testifiers for this hearing will be limited to **1 minute** each.

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Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair