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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 389, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR6\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.
Establishes a carbon sequestration income tax credit. Effective
7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN



[HB 588, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR10\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.
Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for certain renewable energy projects; provided that any costs for changes in reliability standards or interconnection requirements shall not be the responsibility of the interconnection customer after the interconnection customer's power purchase agreement has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to distinguish between interconnection facilities and utility network upgrades; ensure that the cost of interconnection facilities is the responsibility of the interconnection customer; and ensure that the cost of utility network upgrades is the sole responsibility of the transmission provider. Establishes a timeline and requirements for interconnection procedures to be established by the Public Utilities Commission for certain utility-scale renewable energy projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 193, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR57\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.
Extends the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045. Authorizes the public utilities commission to establish interim goals. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 949, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR234\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.
Establishes and appropriates funds for a solar energy storage system loan program to provide asset limited, income constrained, employed households with low-interest loans to purchase and install solar energy storage systems. Establishes and appropriates funds for a renewable energy system installation loan program to provide low- and moderate-income families with low-interest loans to purchase and install residential photovoltaic and energy storage systems, including battery storage systems. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 198, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR53\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.
Establishes and appropriates funds for the low- to moderate-income electric vehicle rebate program and the electric vehicle subaccount to encourage the purchase and use of electric vehicles by low- to moderate-income households and nonprofit organizations providing assistive services to low- to moderate-income households. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 181, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR108\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.
Implements the recommendation of the cesspool conversion working group to accelerate the dates for required upgrades, conversions, or connections of priority level 1 cesspools and priority level 2 cesspools by requiring priority level 1 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2030, and priority level 2 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2035, rather than before 1/1/2050. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN

[HB 520, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR174\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Establishes the Access to Local Food Act to allow cottage food operations to sell cottage food products, under certain conditions, upon receiving a permit from the Department of Health. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

ECD, CPC, FIN



HB 71 Status	<p>RELATED TO SUMMARY POSSESSION. Requires that a current GET license number for any rental income be filed with the complaint to the court for summary possession proceedings. Requires the judiciary to submit an annual list of certain information regarding summary possession cases to the department of taxation.</p>	CPC, JHA
HB 1382, HD1 (HSCR192) Status	<p>RELATING TO MEAT DONATION. Provides for donation of wild game to under-resourced communities. Establishes a task force for development and implementation to expand meat processing capacity in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 1295, HD1 (HSCR252) Status	<p>RELATING TO FARMS. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to provide grants to certain chicken farmers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 1359, HD1 (HSCR254) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEMP. Repeals redundant regulations on hemp production, which will reduce costs for the State and Hawaii farmers. Amends the hemp law in a manner that recognizes the unique constraints of Hawaii farmers, while protecting human health. Allows licensed hemp producers to sell hemp biomass. Requires transparency in labeling of hemp products to identify the percentage of Hawaii-grown hemp or hemp product in all hemp products. Requires and appropriates moneys for the Department of Health to hire or consult a toxicologist or consultant familiar with hemp industry standards for the purpose of setting defined action limits or exposure levels for different types of hemp products. Extends the State's hemp processor law through 7/1/2027. Repeals on 7/1/2027. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	AGR/HLT, CPC, FIN
HB 329, HD1 (HSCR33) Status	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY. Requires solar conduit and electrical panel readiness for new residential construction and electric vehicle readiness when an electrical panel and parking area are installed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	HSG, CPC, FIN
HB 1236, HD1 (HSCR152) Status	<p>RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Allows a bank to invest, in aggregate, up to two per cent of the bank's total assets in limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations formed to invest in affordable housing residential properties. Requires approval from the commissioner of financial institutions to exceed this amount. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HSG, CPC, FIN
HB 551, HD1 (HSCR246) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH. Prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products and the mislabeling of e-liquids as nicotine free. Authorizes the department of health to appoint, commission, or contract for services of inspectors. Establishes two full-time equivalent program specialist positions and one full-time equivalent hearing officer position. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	LGO, CPC, FIN



HB 1409, HD1 (HSCR245) Status	<p>RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.</p> <p>Extends under certain conditions, the family leave period for employees who are unable to perform their employment duties due to the birth of a child who is required to stay in a neonatal intensive care unit for up to eight weeks. Requires the Department of Health to amend its rules to include neonatal care as a related medical condition wherever the phrase "pregnancy, childbirth, or other related condition" is used. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	LGO, CPC, FIN
HB 1110, HD1 (HSCR176) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE ROAD USAGE CHARGE PROGRAM.</p> <p>Creates a mileage-based road usage charge to replace state motor fuel taxes beginning on July 1, 2025, for electric vehicles. Eliminates \$50 annual state vehicle registration surcharge for electric vehicles. Allows electric vehicles a choice of paying a registration surcharge or a per-mile road usage charge until 2033. Requires motor vehicle registration application to specify whether the type of fuel for which the vehicle is adapted is electricity. Requires certificates of inspection to state the odometer reading of vehicles. Requires the department of transportation to plan for the deployment of a state mileage-based road user charge program by 2033 and submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2026. Defines electric vehicle. Defines alternative fuel vehicle. Makes an appropriation. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	TRN, CPC, FIN
HB 562, HD1 (HSCR209) Status	<p>RELATING TO PERMITS.</p> <p>Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	WAL, CPC, FIN
HB 1219, HD1 (HSCR264) Status	<p>RELATING TO CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE.</p> <p>Defines "cannabis cutting" and "cannabis propagule". Amends the definition of "cannabis" to include cannabis propagules and cannabis cuttings. Allows qualifying patients and primary caregivers who are authorized to cultivate cannabis for medical use to purchase cannabis propagules and cannabis cuttings from licensed dispensaries in the State under certain conditions. Establishes quantity limits and quality requirements for the dispensing of cannabis propagules and cannabis cuttings. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
HB 955, HD1 (HSCR255) Status	<p>RELATING TO CHAPTER 457J, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.</p> <p>Exempts birth attendants practicing on or before 7/1/2025 from licensure requirements, under certain conditions. Expands qualifications for licensure to include the North American Registry of Midwives portfolio evaluation process. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN
HB 663, HD1 (HSCR99) Status	<p>RELATING TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING.</p> <p>Increases the categories of women required to be covered for mammogram screenings. Requires the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography to include digital mammography and digital breast tomosynthesis. Defines "digital breast tomosynthesis". Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	HLT, CPC, FIN



HB 1217, HD1 (HSCR263) Status	RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS. Prohibits the cultivation, production, manufacture, distribution, possession, or dispensation of medical cannabis except by qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients, their authorized primary caregivers, or medical cannabis dispensaries. Restricts the number of qualifying patients who may use a grow site to five. Prohibits the receipt of cannabis or cannabis products as compensation for acting as a primary caregiver to a qualifying patient. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	HLT, CPC, FIN
HB 650, HD1 (HSCR100) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to practice medical aid in dying or provide counseling to a qualified patient. Amends the mandatory waiting period between oral requests and the provision of a prescription. Provides an expedited pathway for terminally ill qualified patients who are not expected to survive the mandatory waiting period. Effective 6/30/3000.	HLT, CPC, JHA
HB 914, HD1 (HSCR258) Status	RELATING TO HEALTH. Requires the department of health to prioritize complaint allegations based on severity for inspections of state-licensed or state-certified care facilities. Clarifies who is prohibited from knowingly referring or transferring patients to an uncertified or unlicensed care facility. Repeals the landlord exclusion. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	HLT, CPC, JHA
HB 1439, HD1 (HSCR157) Status	RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION. Establishes and appropriates funds for a pre-litigation mediation pilot program. Requires landlords to participate in mediation before filing an action for summary possession. Creates and appropriates funds for an emergency rent relief program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	HSG, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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