

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
TIME:      9:10 AM  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 325  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1303](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.

EEP, FIN

Appropriates moneys to certain counties to create pilot programs that incentivize residential homeowners in certain dry areas to replace landscaping refurbishments with alternatives that reduce water use.

[HB 837](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN.

EEP, FIN

Establishes green infrastructure objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for state facility systems, infrastructure, and transit projects in the Hawaii State Planning Act to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. Adds definition of "green infrastructure". Requires the office of planning and sustainable development, in partnership with the greenhouse gas sequestration task force, to submit a report to the legislature making recommendations for implementing the green infrastructure objectives, policies, and priority guidelines.



<a href="#"><u>HB 575</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO GASOLINE-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS. Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or operation of gasoline-powered leaf blowers. Increases the amounts of fines for offenses of leaf blower restrictions and provides for the forfeiture of gasoline-powered leaf blowers upon a third violation. Removes the exemption on leaf blower restrictions for government agencies. Takes effect 1/1/2025.	EEP, CPC
<a href="#"><u>HB 256</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE. Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to divert all organic waste produced within the county by facilities generating more than a certain amount of organic waste per year. Appropriates funds to reimburse the counties for incorporation of the new requirement into their plan revisions.	EEP, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 895</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION. Updates the State's integrated solid waste management goals and priorities to include organic waste diversion. Requires and appropriates moneys for the counties to incorporate organic waste diversion into the counties' integrated solid waste management plans.	EEP, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 185</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. Makes a housekeeping amendment to section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete a reference to a repealed section.	EEP, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 927</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Establishes within the Hawaii State Energy Office the future fusion task force to promote the use of fusion as an energy source in the State.	EEP, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen  
Chair

