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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">HB 192, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1041)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Prohibits the sale of certain fluorescent lamps as a new manufactured product, with certain exemptions. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	EET, CPN
<a href="#">HB 963, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR897)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO BROADBAND. Appropriates general fund moneys that are required to match federal moneys for broadband programs. Appropriates moneys received by the State from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the broadband equity, access, and deployment program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	EET, WAM
<a href="#">HB 989, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR940)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM. Makes an appropriation to authorize general funds for the department of business, economic development, and tourism for expenses related to building renovations. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	EET, WAM

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 991, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR999)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.  Changes the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program to an unspecified amount. Adds purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense, and clarifies that training on both new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense, for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 999, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1000)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.  Establishes a public policy framework that addresses state goals in the area of economic diversification. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to implement specific projects that address those goals. Requires the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to submit annual reports over three years to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1193, HD1</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1172)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.  Extends the repeal date of the tax credits for research activities for an additional 5 years. Adds a cap amount on the tax credit for research activities that may be claimed by a taxpayer and all its business entities. Consolidates the survey and certification requirements for the tax credit for research activities. Changes to an unspecified amount the annual aggregate cap amount on the tax credit for research activities. Requires certification of the tax credit for research activities on a first-come, first-served basis to be based on the date that a complete application is received, subject to certain conditions. Requires a qualified high technology business and at least 75% of its employees to occupy a business location and address in the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1194, HD2</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1179)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLANNING ORGANIZATION.  Establishes the Hawaii Economic Development District Planning Organization. Designates the Hawaii Economic Development District Planning Organization as the district organization for purposes of implementing the United States Economic Development Administration-approved comprehensive economic development strategy. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1408, HD3</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>(HSCR1095)</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO DIGITAL EQUITY.  Establishes the digital equity grant program to award grants to applicants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD3)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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