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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #2

[HB 193, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR737\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

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)

[HB 1505, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR412\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

EEP, FIN

Encourages the EUTF to consider investment opportunities in industries that will sustain Hawaii's natural environment or produce economic opportunities for its residents, including renewable energy businesses and businesses that use investment capital to acquire the infrastructure and services needed to become energy sustainable. Appropriates funds to the EUTF. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)



HB 1506, HD1 (HSCR413) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Encourages the employees' retirement system, in evaluating venture capital investments, to consider opportunities in industries that will sustain Hawaii's natural environment or produce economic opportunities for its residents, including renewable energy businesses and businesses that use the investment capital to acquire the infrastructure and services needed to become energy sustainable. If the employees' retirement system board of trustees determines that it is not prudent to invest in any Hawaii venture capital meeting this description, requires the board to report the rationale for the decision in its annual report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, FIN
HB 949, HD2 (HSCR748) Status	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.</p> <p>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 asset limited, income constrained, employed households with low-interest loans to purchase and install residential photovoltaic and energy storage systems, including battery storage systems. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 896, HD1 (HSCR407) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Education to assess its facilities and provide the legislature with a list of priority facilities in each county at which the installation of renewable energy systems on school facilities would provide the most benefit, provide a list of priority play areas on school campuses in each county that are most in need of covered play areas to protect children from over-exposure to heat and ultraviolet rays, and assess and report on the feasibility of including renewable energy systems on play area covers on school campuses. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP/EDN, FIN
HB 346, HD1 (HSCR758) Status	<p>RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.</p> <p>Requires that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready. Requires the Hawaii state energy office, in consultation with the department of accounting and general services and department of transportation, to determine a priority order for retrofitting state facilities based on certain factors. Establishes a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 1415, HD1 (HSCR662) Status	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY.</p> <p>Requires the public utilities commission to administer an electric vehicle charging system loan program to provide loans to applicants who install eligible electric vehicle charging systems. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, FIN



HB 654, HD2 (HSCR489) Status	<p>RELATING TO BUILDINGS.</p> <p>Requires state agencies to process the aggregated energy and water data of certain properties through the federal ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and submit the benchmarking data to the Hawaii state energy office. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 1303, HD1 (HSCR555) Status	<p>RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.</p> <p>Appropriates moneys to the city and county of Honolulu board of water supply to create a pilot program that incentivizes residential homeowners in certain dry areas to replace landscaping and irrigation with alternatives that reduce water use. Requires report to the legislature. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, FIN
HB 1212, HD1 (HSCR454) Status	<p>RELATING TO WATER NEUTRALITY.</p> <p>Establishes the water neutrality task force to develop a plan for Hawaii to become water-neutral by the year 2050. Requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP/WAL, FIN
HB 197, HD1 (HSCR763) Status	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.</p> <p>Requires the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance from stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration systems and air conditioning systems and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants. Requires the state building code council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code. Specifies that no law, rule, ordinance, or code, including the state building code, shall prohibit or limit the use of a refrigerant deemed acceptable under federal law. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, CPC, FIN
HB 837, HD1 (HSCR559) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN.</p> <p>Establishes green infrastructure objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for state facility systems, infrastructure, transit projects, and other areas 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. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, FIN
HB 1200, HD1 (HSCR541) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.</p> <p>Requires the department of land and natural resources to establish an unmanned aircraft systems program. Authorizes conservation and resources enforcement officers to use unmanned aircraft systems. Requires the department of land and natural resources to submit a biennial report of the effectiveness of the unmanned aircraft systems program to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	EEP, JHA, FIN



HB 660, HD1 (HSCR224) Status	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaii Pacific Health. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
HB 159, HD1 (HSCR486) Status	RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES. Exempts the notarization requirement for renewals of liquor licenses. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
HB 1458, HD1 (HSCR491) Status	RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES. Increases the liquor manufacturing limits for Class 18 small craft producer pub license holders. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
HB 1029, HD1 (HSCR492) Status	RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FILING BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Authorizes the public utilities commission to use electronic filing processes, including electronic service of documents, under the statutory chapters regulating public utilities, motor carriers, and water carriers. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
HB 1261, HD1 (HSCR493) Status	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE DIGITAL CURRENCY LICENSURE. Beginning 1/1/2024, establishes a program for the licensure, regulation, and oversight of special purpose digital currency companies. Extends operations of companies in the digital currency innovation lab under certain circumstances. Appropriates funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent examiners. (HD1)	CPC, FIN
HB 525, HD2 (HSCR684) Status	RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE. Implements the 2022 Uniform Commercial Code Amendments set forth by the Uniform Law Commission. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	CPC, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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