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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
TIME: 3:30 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: GVO

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A G E N D A

SB 1597

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO THE HAWAII ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY.

Establishes the Hawaii Environmental Protection Agency.
Transfers jurisdiction of certain functions and employees of the
Department of Agriculture and Department of Health to the
Hawaii Environmental Protection Agency.

GVO/AEN/WTL,
WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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