

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
TIME:      10:00am  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 325  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 2770](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.  
Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for the Hawaii electric system. Establishes system resilience as a metric that is monitored and considered by the Commission. Requires the Commission to collect the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge and provides that the surcharge may be transferred to the Commission for the purpose of its duties. Requires the Commission to contract for the performance of certain of its functions with a Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator.

EEP, CPC, FIN



[HB 1972](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Establishes an electric vehicle battery recycling and disposal program. Prohibits disposal of propulsion batteries as solid waste. Prohibits producers of propulsion batteries from refusing propulsion batteries for reuse, remanufacturing, repurposing, or recycling. Establishes producer responsibility for propulsion batteries embedded into vehicles or sold separately in the State or through remote sale. Authorizes the Department of Health to inspect any place, building, or premise and issue warnings and citations for failure to comply. Establishes requirements for a battery management plan. Establishes fines.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen  
Chair

