

THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: CPN

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A G E N D A

**SB 1201**

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RELATING TO WILDFIRES.  
Establishes the Wildfire Recovery Fund. Allows securitization for electric utilities.

CPN/EIG, WAM

**SB 1220**

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RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF.  
Requires gas utility companies to submit proposed renewable gas tariffs to the Public Utilities Commission by August 31, 2025. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewable gas tariff within six months of receiving a proposed renewable gas tariff.

CPN/EIG, WAM

**SB 1500**

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RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES.  
Provides the Public Utilities Commission with the authority to appoint a receiver to take temporary action necessary to assure continued adequate electric services from regulated investor-owned electric utilities. Appropriates funds out of the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund.

CPN/EIG, WAM

**SB 1501**

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Testimony**

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EIG/CPN, WAM

Allows the State to enter into step-in agreements for payment obligations arising under certain power purchase agreements. Establishes the Power Purchasing Costs Trust Fund. Establishes that revenues from on-bill charges for power purchase agreements and accompanying reserves shall be held in trust by the State, and that independent power producers shall hold a beneficial interest in the revenue and reserve to the extent of the amounts owed under the covered power purchase agreements. Appoints, authorizes, and empowers an electric utility to serve as the billing, collection, payment, and managing agent of the Department of Budget and Finance in the service of performing step-in agreements.

**SB 897, SD1**

**(SSCR70)  
Status &  
Testimony**

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EIG/CPN, WAM

Requires, rather than allows, the Public Utilities Commission to contract for a Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator and require payment of the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge. Establishes the Wildfire Recovery Fund. Expands the powers and duties of the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chair

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