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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

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[COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS](#)

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 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

<u>HB 108, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR945)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Allows direct shipment of beer and distilled spirits by certain licensees. Requires the liquor commissions to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	CPN/EIG, JDC
<u>HB 982, HD3</u> <u>(HSCR1015)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO WILDFIRES. Establishes the Wildfire Recovery Fund. Allows securitization for electric utilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD3)	CPN/EIG, WAM
<u>HB 1055, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR946)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Makes an emergency appropriation out of the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund for the Public Utilities Commission to procure services by consultants with technical expertise to assist with the efforts to strengthen the resilience and reliability of electric utility services in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CPN/EIG, WAM

HB 974, HD1

(HSCR886)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EIG/CPN, WAM

Requires the Department of Budget and Finance to enter into step-in agreements for payment obligations arising under certain power purchase agreements. Establishes the Power Purchase Costs Trust Fund. Establishes that revenues from on-bill charges for power purchase agreements and revenues from a surcharge supporting a reserve account shall be held in trust by the State, and that independent power producers shall hold a beneficial interest in the revenues to the extent of the amounts owed under the covered power purchase agreements. Appoints, authorizes, and empowers the 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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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