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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 448</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire a conservation easement in Central Oahu.	EDT, WAM
<a href="#">SB 827</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop and implement a grant program to expand the meat processing capacity in the State. Appropriates funds.	EDT, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1269</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for continued exploration and identification of geothermal resources and commercial viability for utility-scale geothermal production in counties with a population of less than 300,000.	EDT, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1337</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY. Clarifies requirements to establish a quorum to do business and validate acts of the Stadium Authority.	EDT, JDC
<a href="#">SB 83</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO HOTELS. Requires hotelkeepers to provide adequate notice of service disruptions to guests and third-party vendors under certain conditions. Allows for recovery of damages.	EDT, CPN/JDC

**SB 732**

**Status &  
Testimony**

**RELATING TO THE FILM INDUSTRY.**

EDT, WAM

Requires qualified production costs of a taxpayer that exceed \$1,000,000 to be certified by an independent third-party certified public accountant to qualify for the tax credit. Increases the total amount of tax credits allowed in any given year from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Includes broadcast and streaming platform productions under the tax credit. Defines "streaming platform". Extends the sunset date for the tax credit to 1/1/2039. Makes conforming amendments.

**SB 1569**

**Status &  
Testimony**

**RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING.**

EDT, CPN/WAM

Allows for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Establishes licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers. Specifies that sports wagering shall not be considered games of chance or gambling.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Lynn DeCoite  
Chair