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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
TIME: 9:00 AM  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 897, SD3](#)  
[\(SSCR1067\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.  
Establishes the Wildfire Liability Trust Fund to be placed within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for administrative purposes. Specifies that the Wildfire Liability Trust Fund shall be administered by an Executive Director appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Authorizes securitization for electric utilities. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish standards for each electric utility to replace fossil fuel resources with firm renewable energy sources in the renewable portfolio standard. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD3)

EEP, CPC/JHA,  
FIN



[SB 137, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR985\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to consider whether approving a proposed merger or acquisition would or would not further the State's renewable energy goals. Establishes a process to ensure that when an application for the proposed acquisition, merger, or consolidation of an electric utility company is filed with the PUC by an acquiring entity that is an investor-owned utility, alternative applications filed by acquiring entities that operate under a non-investor-owned utilities ownership model will be concurrently reviewed. Requires an acquiring entity of an electric utility company to assume and be bound by any existing collective bargaining agreements entered into by the electric utility company, as it applies to covered employees. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB 1501, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR1050\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EEP, FIN

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. Effective 5/13/2040. (SD2)

[SB 1220, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR835\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires gas utility companies to submit proposed renewable gas tariffs to the Public Utilities Commission by 8/31/2025. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewable gas tariff within 9 months of receiving a completed application for a proposed renewable gas tariff. Provides that the Public Utilities Commission shall determine the completeness of the application no later than 30 days after the application is filed. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB 588, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR846\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC

Authorizes certain government entities to establish a self-certification process for behind-the-meter, customer-sited solar distributed energy resource systems and exempt the systems from the Federal Emergency Management Agency No-Rise/No-Impact declaration requirements under certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

[SB 589, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR940\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Authorizes retail wheeling of renewable energy and requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish policies and procedures to implement retail wheeling and microgrid service tariffs. Ensures that fair compensation is provided for solar and energy storage exports. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

[SB 533, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR688\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EEP, EDN, CPC

Requires a local investor-owned electric utility to provide and fund support to public schools impacted by the utility's planned public safety power shutoff program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)



[SB 1341](#)  
[\(SSCR791\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION  
REPORTING.

EEP, JHA

Adds the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security to the list of agencies that may examine the energy industry information statements submitted pursuant to section 486J-3, HRS. Adds the promotion of emergency management and critical infrastructure protection as relevant purposes of the Energy Data Collection Program.

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen  
Chair

