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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
TIME: 3:20 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 233

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RELATING TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

EIG, WAM

Requires the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Program to design and implement a plan to increase jobs that strengthen emergency preparedness and climate resilience. Authorizes the use of the Energy Security Special Fund to advance the State's goals of strengthening emergency preparedness and climate mitigation.

SB 492

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RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

EIG, WAM

Authorizes each county that has established a surcharge on state tax before 7/1/2015 to extend the surcharge until 12/31/2045, at the same rates, if the county does so before 1/1/2028; Provides that no county surcharge on state tax authorized for a county that has not established a surcharge on state tax before 7/1/2015, shall be levied before 1/1/2019, or after 12/31/2045; and Repeals certain conditions on the use of surcharges received from the State for counties having a population equal to or less than 500,000 that adopt a county surcharge on state tax.

SB 1634

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RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES.

EIG, WAM

Appropriates general obligation bonds to the Board of Water Supply for the planning, design, and construction of two monitoring wells.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair