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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 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

[HB 974](#)
[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.

[HB 338](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Clarifies that adjustments linked to premium interest rates for high yield credit are just and reasonable. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to include these incremental adjustments to the rate for electricity generated from nonfossil fuels.



<u>HB 337</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires and appropriates moneys for the Public Utilities Commission to establish standards requiring each electric utility company to remove from the rate base a commensurate amount of costs related to fossil fuel resources when adding new or converted renewable electrical energy and renewable energy resources.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 879</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS. Increases the maximum grant amount for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Establishes positions within the Department of Health for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project. Appropriates funds.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 379</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Requires newly installed or modified individual wastewater systems that are near the shoreline, or likely to pollute groundwater, to include denitrification capacity.	EEP, WAL, CPC
<u>HB 798</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT. Clarifies the exemptions to the prohibition on discharging any wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026, including an exemption for treatment plants having a treatment capacity of less than 10,000,000 gallons per day.	EEP, WAL, JHA
<u>HB 376</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Accelerates the dates for the required upgrades, conversions, or connections of priority level 1 and priority level 2 cesspools to 2035 and 2040, respectively. Appropriates funds to implement the cesspool compliance pilot grant program. Re-establishes a cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection tax credit.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 734</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Requires the Department of Health, in consultation with various agencies and professionals, to review rules and practices and propose changes that have the potential to make wastewater systems and cesspool upgrades more affordable without compromising water quality. Appropriates funds.	EEP, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 736</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes and appropriates funds for a three-year new wastewater system and individual wastewater system technology testing pilot program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center. Requires interim and final reports to the Legislature.	EEP, HED, FIN
<u>HB 735</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER. Allows an individual wastewater system to serve up to five bedrooms, regardless of the number of dwelling units or accessory units, whether attached or detached. Permits, until 6/30/2030, certain new buildings constructed within a priority level 3 area, as designated by the Hawaii cesspool prioritization tool, that contain up to five bedrooms to be served by an existing cesspool.	EEP, WAL, FIN



HB 1421 Status	RELATING TO FINANCING. Establishes and appropriates funds for a cesspool conversion on-bill financing program to be administered by the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to provide low-interest loans to eligible homeowners for the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools.	EEP, FIN
HB 749 Status	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Creates within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch a Cesspool Conversion Section, which shall be responsible for facilitating the conversion of cesspools within the State. Establishes and appropriates funds for positions within the Cesspool Conversion Section.	EEP, HLT, FIN
HB 969 Status	RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES. Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health.	EEP, WAL, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

