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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 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 1077](#)
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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Establishes the Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Special Fund and the Economic Development and Revitalization Special Fund. Beginning January 1, 2026, increases the Transient Accommodations Tax. Allocates funds generated by the increase to the newly established funds.

EEP, ECD/TOU,
FIN

[HB 1076](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.
Establishes the Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Special Fund. Mandates the allocation of all earned interest from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to the newly established special fund. Appropriates funds.

EEP, FIN

[HB 1459](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL.
Sets standards for sustainable aviation fuel adoption for intrastate travel airlines by certain times. Appropriates funds.

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| <u>HB 790</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Establishes an installation goal for customer-sited distributed energy resources in the State. Ensures that fair compensation is provided to distributed energy resources exports as part of grid service programs. Authorizes retail wheeling of renewable energy and requires the PUC to establish policies and procedures to implement retail wheeling and microgrid service tariffs. | EEP, CPC, FIN |
| <u>HB 1495</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE KEAUKOU AQUIFER SYSTEM. Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to install two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System. Establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Program. Requires reports to the Legislature. | EEP, WAL, FIN |
| <u>HB 1020</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE. Establishes a statewide underground water and carbon sequestration resource characterization program via slim hole bores and a related statewide environmental assessment. | EEP, FIN |
| <u>HB 349</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a Slim-Hole Resource Characterization Program. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. | EEP, FIN |
| <u>HB 1307</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for water well development for geophysical investigation, exploration, and identification of geothermal resources on Hawaiian home lands. | EEP, JHA, FIN |
| <u>HB 932</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO GREEN BONDS. Establishes a Green Bonds Working Group within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. | EEP, ECD, FIN |
| <u>HB 461</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO COMMUTING. Requires the Director of Human Resources Development, in consultation with the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, State Energy Office, and Department of Accounting and General Services, to develop and implement a comprehensive Commuting Choice Benefit Program for all state employees regardless of mode of transportation. Requires a report to the Legislature. | EEP, LAB, FIN |
| <u>HB 982</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO WILDFIRES. Establishes the Wildfire Recovery Fund. Allows securitization for electric utilities. | EEP, CPC/JHA, FIN |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

