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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: GVO

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A G E N D A

**SB 133**

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RELATING TO ENERGY.

Authorizes state facilities to wheel electricity that is produced by their own facility from renewable energy sources to another state facility pursuant to administrative rules established by the Public Utilities Commission. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report to the Legislature.

EIG/GVO, CPN

**SB 161**

[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO COUNTY PERMITTING AND INSPECTION.

Exempts state projects from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements under certain conditions. Requires counties to accept the dedication of state projects exempt from the county permitting process. Prohibits state agencies responsible for state projects exempt from county building permit, inspection, and certificate of occupancy requirements from applying for county building permits. Defines building permit, state agency, state lands, and state project.

EIG/GVO, WAM

**SB 232**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.  
Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits to implement SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real-time by 1/1/2026. Requires government entities in the State that issue building permits in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility to adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible.

EIG/GVO,  
CPN/WAM

**SB 412**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.  
Requires state departments to prepare a report assessing the feasibility of installing distributed energy resource systems at each facility. Requires state departments to implement and install the distributed energy resource systems detailed in the reports no later than five years from the issue date of the reports. Gives priority for the required energy efficiency measures to first responder facilities.

EIG/GVO, WAM

**SB 588**

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RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.  
Authorizes certain state 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.

EIG/GVO, CPN

**SB 92**

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RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE.  
No later than January 1, 2026, requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators in all state buildings, including all public schools. Requires DAGS to establish a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and work with the counties to implement the plan into the counties' emergency service provider protocols. Requires DAGS to provide trainings on the use of automated external defibrillators and the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for state employees and security staff of certain state agencies. Makes appropriations.

GVO/EIG,  
WAM/JDC

**SB 635**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.  
Requires each state agency to expeditiously use energy efficient lighting. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to provide technical assistance, survey state agencies for compliance, and submit the survey to the Legislature. Requires a report to the Legislature.

GVO/EIG, WAM

**SB 700**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

GVO/EIG, WAM

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to assess the potential and feasibility of installing distributed energy resource systems at each state facility and submit reports to the Legislature detailing the department's findings. Requires state facilities to implement and install the distributed energy resource systems detailed in the required reports no later than five years from the issue date of the reports. Requires applicable agencies to assess the feasibility of developing resilience hubs that can provide emergency services and be open to the general public during times of emergency. Assigns priority for the required state facilities' cost-effective energy efficiency measures to first responder facilities.

**SB 869**

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS.

GVO/EIG, JDC

Defines community outreach board to mean a board established to serve in a community advisory capacity under a county commission or a county department. Includes community outreach boards in existing provisions of the Sunshine Law relating to neighborhood boards. Authorizes neighborhood board and community outreach board members to organize meetings or presentations related to official board business statewide.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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