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## NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

TIME:

8:30 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

## AGENDA

SB 2775, SD1, HD1 (HSCR1107-14)

<u>Status</u>

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

AGR, EEP/WAL

Permits a solar energy facility on class A agricultural lands if the facility is located on a paved or unpaved road that is established by December 31, 2013, and the parcel upon which the facility is located has a valid agricultural conservation easement or county tax dedication status; the road allows for vehicular traffic, and the facility has a special use permit. Provides for continued operations after the repeal date. Repeals June 30, 2019. (SB2775 HD1)

SB 2658, SD3, HD1 (HSCR1174-14)

Status

RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY.

AGR, EEP/WAL

Allows solar energy facilities to occupy more than 10% of a parcel, or 20 acres of land, within agricultural lands with soil classified as overall productivity rating class B or C if a special use permit has been granted and the area occupied by the solar energy facilities is also made available for compatible agricultural activities. Requires that solar energy facilities be decommissioned and removed within 12 months of the conclusion of operation. (HD1)

**DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW** 

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