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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023
TIME: 8:30AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
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A G E N D A

[HB 389](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Establishes a carbon sequestration income tax credit. Applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023.

[HB 186](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

EEP, WAL, FIN

Prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters. Prohibits the issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

[HB 348](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Allows the counties to establish, by ordinance, an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes on the land or improvements thereon that are actively used to produce or store renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility.



[HB 654](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BUILDINGS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires state and county agencies to process the aggregated energy and water data of certain properties through the federal ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and submit the benchmarking data to the office of planning and sustainable development. Appropriates funds.

[HB 197](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance from operation of stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration equipment responsible and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants. Requires the state building code council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code. Appropriates funds.

[HB 588](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for certain renewable energy projects; provided that any costs for changes in reliability standards or interconnection requirements shall not be the responsibility of the interconnection customer after the interconnection customer's power purchase agreement has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish: (1) the distinction between interconnection facilities and utility network upgrades; (2) that the cost of interconnection facilities shall be the responsibility of the interconnection customer; and (3) that the cost of utility network upgrades shall be the sole responsibility of the transmission provider. Establishes a timeline and requirements for interconnection procedures to be established by the Public Utilities Commission for certain utility-scale renewable energy projects. Requires implementation of the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator Law. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report and assessment of the Hawaii Electric Reliability Administrator to the Legislature.

[HB 193](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Extends the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045. Authorizes the public utilities commission to establish interim goals. Clarifies that certain demand response programs and related activities count toward the portfolio standards.

[HB 191](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires the public utilities commission to establish an estimated social cost of carbon; each regulated electric and gas utility to use the estimated social cost of carbon in the utility's respective integrated resource planning process; and the State to consider the estimated social cost of carbon in planning new infrastructure and capital improvement projects and when designing and constructing new buildings.



<u>HB 346</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE. Requires that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready. Requires the Hawaii state energy office, in consultation with the department of accounting and general services and department of transportation, to evaluate the cost for retrofitting existing state facilities to make them electric vehicle charger-ready. Requires the department of accounting and general services to install or contract for the installation of retrofits and electric vehicle charging systems at selected state facilities. Appropriates funds.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 198</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. Establishes the Low- to moderate-income electric vehicle rebate program and the electric vehicle subaccount to encourage the purchase and use of electric vehicles by low- to moderate-income households and nonprofit organizations providing assistive services to low- to moderate-income households. Appropriates funds for deposit into the electric vehicle subaccount.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 199</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Establishes a zero-emission vehicle fleet purchasing assistance program within the Hawaii state energy office to support the transition of private fleets to zero-emission vehicles. Designates the Hawaii state energy office as the agency responsible for developing and administering the program and requires the Hawaii state energy office to work with the department of transportation to design strategies to implement the zero-emission vehicle fleet purchasing assistance program.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 595</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATED TO RECYCLING. Amends recycling goals under the Electronic Device Recycling and Recovering Act so that goals are based upon the manufacturer's overall market share in the State. Amends penalties and definitions.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 87</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO PLASTIC BOTTLES. Effective January 1, 2024, prohibits the retail sale or offer for retail sale of single-use plastic bottles designed to hold less than two liters of liquid for oral consumption, unless the liquid is to be used for a medical purpose.	EEP, CPC, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

