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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
TIME: 8:45 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1326](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Establishes the Hawaii zero waste initiative program to, among other things, manage the State's transition to reduce and reuse solid waste. Establishes the packaging waste advisory council. Requires the department of health to develop an assessment of statewide needs to determine the resources required to reduce packaging waste by seventy percent from the baseline amount. Establishes a packaging waste reduction and reuse program. Appropriates funds.

[HB 179](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER MATERIALS.

EEP, CPC

Requires deposit beverage distributors that sell, offer for sale, or distribute deposit beverage containers in the State to meet minimum postconsumer recycled content requirements or minimum non-petroleum materials content requirements.



<u>HB 1146</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a carbon emissions tax credit. Expands the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to include carbon emissions. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023. Requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in consultation with the Department of Taxation, to recommend updates to the tax per fuel and corresponding tax credits.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 949</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Establishes and appropriates funds for a solar energy storage system loan program to provide asset limited, income constrained, employed households with low-interest loans to purchase and install solar energy storage systems. Establishes and appropriates funds for a renewable energy system installation loan program to provide low- and moderate-income families with low-interest loans to purchase and install residential photovoltaic and energy storage systems, including battery storage systems.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1151</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Requires electric utilities and gas utilities to submit proposed capital expenditures for certain projects to the PUC for review and determination whether the project may be included in the utilities' rate base. Requires the PUC to make a determination within ninety days.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1252</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Provides rebates for eligible electric vehicle ready parking stalls for new construction of affordable housing. Beginning with calendar year 2024, requires that electric vehicle ready parking for new construction be integrated as a criterion in the low-income housing tax credit qualified allocation plan.	EEP, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 347</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS. Requires owners of multiple parking facilities within any county of the State who aggregate the required parking spaces for electric vehicles to aggregate the spaces within that same county.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 419</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS. Requires the counties to exempt from county permitting requirements the installation of off-grid residential photovoltaic energy generating systems on the rooftops of residential properties under certain circumstances.	EEP, CPC
<u>HB 1200</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. Requires the department of land and natural resources to establish an unmanned aircraft systems program. Authorizes conservation and resources enforcement officers to use unmanned aircraft systems. Requires the department of land and natural resources to submit an annual report of the effectiveness of the unmanned aircraft systems program to the legislature.	EEP, JHA, FIN



[HB 767](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

EEP, FIN

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to pursue and obtain accreditation for the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Appropriates funds.

[HB 921](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES.

EEP, JHA, FIN

Establishes the Environmental Crimes Unit within the Office of the Attorney General. Makes the disposal of motor vehicle tires in violation of State law governing recovery of used motor vehicle tire recovery a petty misdemeanor crime. Establishes a \$1 motor vehicle tire surcharge to be imposed on every replacement tire installed on a motor vehicle in the State after September 30, 2023. Requires tire retailers and tire wholesalers who install replacement tires to pay the surcharge to the Department of Health, and the Department of Health to deposit the revenues into the Environmental Management Special Fund. Allows the Department of Health to use the Environmental Management Special Fund to fund the Environmental Crimes Unit. Appropriates Funds.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

