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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">HB 1815, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR694-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Includes agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support businesses engaged in agritourism. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EET, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1956, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR690-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Establishes a business revitalization task force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including by mitigating regulatory and tax burdens. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EET, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1959, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR691-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Appropriates funds to establish a position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist the Corporation's aerospace coordinator. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EET, WAM

<p><a href="#">HB 2356, HD2</a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1001-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.  Changes the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation. Adds purchasing of renewable energy technology systems as an eligible expense, and clarifies that training on new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense, for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2359, HD2</a>  <a href="#">(HSCR781-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE.  Establishes the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to applicants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>EET, WAM/JDC</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2685, HD2</a>  <a href="#">(HSCR1032-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO ENERGY.  Establishes the solar hui program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest into a solar hui investment fund which will provide repayment of income derived from energy services agreements to low- and moderate-income households to install solar energy systems. Establishes the solar hui program fund manager position. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>EET, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair