

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Thursday, February 12, 2026  
TIME:      10:20 a.m.  
PLACE:      VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 325  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1617](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TAXATION.  
Reestablishes the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund. Establishes the Carbon Emissions Tax and Dividend Special Fund. Gradually increases the Environmental Response, Energy, Carbon Emissions, and Food Security tax rates and establishes a refundable carbon cashback tax credit to offset increases for most taxpayers. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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