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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026
TIME: 9:30 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 644 Status

RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

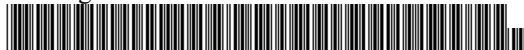
After 1/1/2026, prohibits businesses where food or beverages are packaged and sold on the business' premises for individual consumption from using, selling, or distributing certain disposable or single-use food ware and beverage service items, including items containing PFAS.

HB 1802 Status

RELATING TO CONSERVATION MITIGATION BANKS.

EEP, WAL, FIN

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and operate conservation mitigation banks to restore, create, enhance, or preserve species, their habitats, or resources as compensatory mitigation, or for past damages. Authorizes the department to contract with a third-party administrator for the operation of the conservation mitigation banks. Clarifies the sale of credits involved in conservation mitigation banking.



HB 1569 Status	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Phases in requirements that all newly manufactured washing machines sold within the State by January 1, 2042, be equipped with a microfiber filter. Requires certification that newly manufactured washing machines have microfiber filters. Establishes penalties.	EEP, CPC, JHA
HB 1619 Status	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE. Excludes from the definition of "development", as it applies to special management areas, the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of an electric vehicle charging system as a minor structure. Includes the Public Utilities Commission in the development and implementation of plans to meet the long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation in the State.	EEP, WAL, CPC
HB 1620 Status	RELATING TO ENERGY. Increases the environmental response, energy, and food security tax and the amount collected from the tax that is deposited into the electric vehicle charging system subaccount.	EEP, TRN, FIN
HB 1730 Status	RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Establishes a Wastewater Technical Advisory Group to assist the Department of Health in a review of the Department's administrative rules and practices regarding wastewater systems and cesspools and in the development of proposed changes to make cesspool conversions more affordable. Requires report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for positions and hiring of a consultant to assist the Wastewater Technical Advisory Group.	EEP, WAL, FIN
HB 1749 Status	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to prioritize priority level 1 and priority level 2 cesspools in any efforts undertaken to assist with cesspool upgrade, conversion, and connection and provide guidance to property owners. Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawai'i Cesspool Prioritization Tool to be updated as determined by the Department of Health. Beginning 1/1/2027, requires sellers to provide buyers with a cesspool disclosure form before the execution of a real estate purchase contract. Requires the Department of Health and Real Estate Commission to develop a standardized cesspool disclosure form by 11/1/2026. Establishes penalties.	EEP, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

