

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 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 1924](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RECYCLING.
Establishes the mattress stewardship program. Establishes the mattress
stewardship special fund.

EEP, CPC, FIN

[HB 2121](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.
Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for
sale of any disposable electronic smoking devices in the State.

EEP, HLT, CPC

[HB 1928](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER
RECYCLING.
Repeals the Deposit Beverage Container Program and replaces it with
the Recycling Refund Producer Responsibility Organization Program.

EEP, CPC, FIN



HB 1979 Status	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Shortens the period within which certain judicial proceedings involving environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for actions that propose the use of land for, or construction of, affordable housing or clean energy projects must be initiated. Requires judicial proceedings involving actions that propose the use of land for, or construction of, affordable housing or clean energy projects to be filed directly with the Supreme Court and prohibits the Supreme Court from awarding attorneys' fees in these judicial proceedings.	EEP, HSG, JHA
HB 1650 Status	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS. Removes historic sites and the Waikiki special district from the requirement for environmental assessments under section 343-5, HRS.	EEP, WAL, FIN
HB 1543 Status	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Specifies a time limit for the validity of a finding of no significant impact of a final environmental assessment or acceptance of a final environmental impact statement for a proposed action. Requires an agency or applicant to commence a new environmental review process for the proposed action if the validity expires.	EEP, JHA
HB 1981 Status	RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND GEOTHERMAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE. Establishes a Geothermal, Carbon Sequestration, and Underground Water Resource Characterization Program via slim hole bores and a related statewide environmental assessment. Appropriates funds for the program and positions to support the program.	EEP, FIN
HB 1982 Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for certain geothermal resource exploration and development activities and the hiring of consultants.	EEP, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

