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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB2243**

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB1598**

[HB 2241](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

EEP, FIN

Amends the renewable energy technologies income tax credit by beginning 12/31/26, prohibiting individually or jointly filing taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or greater from claiming a credit for certain solar energy systems installed and placed in service on a single-family residential property, with certain exemptions; removing certain cap amounts for solar energy systems; and increasing the adjusted gross income requirements for an individual taxpayer to elect to have any excess credits refunded.



HB 2316 Status	RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. Amends prohibitions on the use of lead materials in drinking water distribution to align with the Safe Drinking Water Act and related Code of Federal Regulations.	EEP, JHA
HB 1566 Status	RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. Requires each state agency to expeditiously use energy efficient lighting. Requires the Hawaii State Energy Office to provide technical assistance and survey state agencies for compliance, prioritizing first responder facilities. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to assist the Hawaii State Energy Office in conducting the survey. Requires a report of the survey to the Legislature.	EEP, FIN
HB 1926, HD1 (HSCR52-26) Status	RELATING TO RED HILL. Appropriates funds for studies on remediation of substances released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility; environmental monitoring and testing; research on groundwater modeling and sampling; and independent testing and verification of water data, to be published on a public dashboard. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to seek reimbursement from the United States Department of Defense. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, EEP, FIN
HB 1673, HD1 (HSCR98-26) Status	RELATING TO LANDFILL UNITS. Repeals the prohibition on the construction, modification, or expansion of a landfill unit, or any component of a landfill unit, inland of an underground injection control line in a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, EEP, JHA
HB 1948, HD1 (HSCR59-26) Status	RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS. Prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests. Establishes civil penalties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TOU, EEP, JHA
HB 2602, HD1 (HSCR62-26) Status	RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes the sustainable tourism infrastructure matching grant program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support one-time capital investments that advance measurable sustainability and climate resilience outcomes within the State's visitor industry. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	TOU/ECD, EEP, FIN



[HB 1598, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR127-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

~~RELATING TO THE HAWAII CLIMATE INSTITUTE.~~

~~HED, EEP, FIN~~

~~Establishes the Hawaii Climate Institute at the University of Hawaii to support climate resilience and adaptation initiatives of the University and the State. Requires a percentage of the revenue generated by any increase to the Transient Accommodations Tax rates beginning on January 1, 2026, and by assessment of the Transient Accommodations Tax on gross rental proceeds derived from cruise fares to be allocated to the University of Hawaii annually to support the programs and operations of the Hawaii Climate Institute. Transfers the International Pacific Research Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology to the Hawaii Climate Institute. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)~~

[HB 2334, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR88-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

TRN, EEP, JHA

Authorizes the Department of Transportation to assume responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for highway projects, as well as railroad, public transportation, or multimodal projects within the State, allowing streamlined environmental reviews. Provides a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to comply with federal requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 2451, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR90-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

TRN, EEP, FIN

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires each county to implement fare-free access to its public transportation systems. Establishes the Fare-Free Public Transportation Tax and Dividend Special Fund. Increases the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax on petroleum products to fund fare-free public transportation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.** No public testimony will be accepted.

[HB 2243](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ELECTRIC ENERGY.

EEP, CPC

Requires all electric utilities to provide transparent customer bill impact analyses that are accessible to the public in an electronic format reasonably usable by ratepayers. Establishes requirements for bill impact analyses. Requires electric utilities to submit annual reports to the Public Utilities Commission.

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least **24 hours** prior to the hearing. Testimony received after this time will be stamped late and left to the discretion of the chair to consider. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen
Chair

