

THE SENATE  
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
TIME: 3:01 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<p><b><u>HB 2140, HD2</u></b> <a href="#">(HSCR1114-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO ESSENTIAL PERMITTING POSITIONS. Establishes a four-year pilot program to improve the speed, accountability, and quality of permit processing through targeted staffing, performance incentives, and interdepartmental competition within participating counties. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>EIG, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2241, HD1</u></b> <a href="#">(HSCR937-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Amends the renewable energy technologies income tax credit by: beginning 12/31/26, limiting claims for certain solar energy systems that are not third-party financed systems and installed and placed in service on a single-family residential property to taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or less if filing as an individual or \$350,000 or less if filing jointly; removing certain cap amounts for solar energy systems that are not third-party financed systems; and increasing the maximum adjusted gross income an individual taxpayer must be below in order to be eligible to have any excess credits refunded and limiting credit refundability to systems that are not third-party financed systems. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EIG, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>HB 2608, HD1</u></b> <a href="#">(HSCR883-26)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO WATER HEATING SYSTEMS. Authorizes building permit variances for certain high-efficiency electric water heating systems utilizing heat pump technology. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EIG, CPN</p>

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URGING THE COUNTIES TO INITIATE A FREEZE ON PRIMARY RESIDENCE PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO CREATE A MORE SECURE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE IMPACTED POPULATION.

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STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT.

EIG

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Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chair