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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Tuesday, February 03, 2015  
TIME:      8:30 a.m.  
PLACE:     Conference Room 325  
             State Capitol  
             415 South Beretania Street.

A G E N D A

HB 139  
Status

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE  
REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ANAERGIA INC.

EEP, FIN

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel production on Maui.

HB 623  
Status

RELATING TO RENEWABLE STANDARDS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Defines "large self-generator". Increases renewable portfolio standards to 70 per cent by 12/31/2035 and 100 per cent by 12/31/2040, unless the acquisition of renewable energy is not beneficial to Hawaii's economy. Establishes renewable standards for large self-generators. Subjects large self-generators to applicable renewable standards. Clarifies and establishes events or circumstances that are outside of an electric company's or large self-generator's reasonable control. Establishes large self-generator reporting requirements to the public utilities commission. Requires the public utilities commission to report on cost-effectiveness of renewable portfolio standards to address the impact on renewable energy developer energy prices.

HB 484  
Status

RELATING TO ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires PUC to establish community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs to take effect by 1/1/16. Defines community-based renewable energy tariffs. Provides that projects up to one megawatt are subject to PUC-approved interconnection processes and projects greater than one megawatt are subject to PUC review and approval.

HB 927  
Status

RELATING TO ON-BILL PROGRAMS.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Exempts electric utilities acting as billing and collections agents for an on-bill program from various State taxes and State laws regulating financial institutions, escrow depositories, or collection agencies.



<u>HB 618</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a renewable fuels production tax credit and repeals the ethanol facility tax credit. Allows qualifying taxpayers to claim a refundable income tax credit equal to 20 cents per seventy six thousand British thermal units of renewable fuel, capped at \$3,000,000 per year for up to five years. Caps the credit at \$12,000,000 per year in aggregate. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to certify all tax credits and submit a report regarding the production and sale of renewable fuels to the governor and legislature each year. Directs the department of taxation to create forms for the tax credit. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 265</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY STORAGE. Establishes an income tax credit for each grid-connected energy storage property that is installed and placed in service in the State during the taxable year beginning after 12/31/2015; provided that this tax credit shall not be available for taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Allows the tax credit to be claimed as either an investment credit or utilization credit. Appropriates funds to administer the tax credit.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 212</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxpayers who purchase and install battery backup systems for solar energy systems.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 657</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxpayers who purchase residential backup generators.	EEP, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 887</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Requires DAGS to upgrade state fleet vehicles to hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Appropriates moneys.	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>HB 392</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. Includes fuel cell electric vehicles as vehicles exempt from paying parking fees at State or municipal parking facilities for a specified period of time and from high occupancy vehicle lane restrictions.	EEP, TRN, FIN
<u>HB 479</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENERGY. Appropriates funds for equipment, training, and ongoing operations necessary to establish hydrogen purity testing capability in Hawaii to verify that the hydrogen purity meets SAE International's J2719 standard for fuel cell vehicles.	EEP, FIN
<u>HB 759</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COOLING SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES. Requires DOE and DAGS, in consultation with the State Energy Office, to develop a cooling master strategy and comprehensive retrofitting study for public schools and to report findings to the Legislature. Authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for efficient classroom-cooling demonstration projects.	EEP, EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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