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REGULAR SESSION OF 2007

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: **Saturday, February 10, 2007**  
TIME: **10:30a.m.**  
PLACE: **Conference Room 329**  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 315

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER DISTRIBUTION FOR KULA IN UPCOUNTRY MAUI. Authorizes and appropriates general obligation bonds to provide state matching funds for the construction of a new agricultural water distribution system for Kula in upcountry Maui.

AGR, FIN

HB 780

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires department of agriculture to reimburse agricultural water user who pays county agriculture water rates the difference between the rate they paid and the rate charged by the state irrigation systems.

AGR, FIN

HB 1059

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT A TEST WELL IN UPCOUNTRY MAUI TO SERVE AS THE FIRST PHASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUND WATER WELL TO SUPPLEMENT THE UPCOUNTRY MAUI SURFACE WATER SYSTEM. Appropriates funds to plan, design, and construct a test well in upcountry Maui, either in Makawao or Pukalani, to serve as the first phase in the construction of a ground water well to supplement the upcountry surface water system.

AGR, FIN

HB 1616

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Appropriates funds to develop the concept of, and conduct a feasibility study, including estimated costs, for, the establishment of a primary quarantine and laboratory facility for aquatic species used in the Hawaii aquaculture industry.

AGR, FIN

HB 1155

RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE. Clarifies calculation of criminal property damages to agricultural products.

AGR, JUD

HB 1218	RELATING TO ANIMAL DISEASES. Allows authorities to respond to, control, contain and eliminate any threat to livestock & poultry industries, and public health or safety as a result of any contagious, infectious, or communicable animal disease.	AGR, JUD
HB 1219	RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS. Increases the amount of money for agricultural loans and aquacultural loans that the chairperson may approve from \$25,000 to \$75,000.	AGR, FIN
HB 1221	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Creates a dairy and egg farm revitalization and food security program. Appropriates \$3.3 million in each year of the fiscal biennium.	AGR, FIN
HB 1222	RELATING TO LOANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND AQUACULTURE PURPOSES. Increases aquaculture loan limits for Class A & B loans to \$800,000. Makes credit denial requirements identical to the agricultural loan program by eliminating the one loan denial. Creates a "new aquaculturist program". Transfers and incorporates aquaculture funds into the agriculture funds and combines the aquaculture fund expenditure ceiling with the agriculture fund expenditure ceiling.	AGR, FIN
HB 1628	RELATING TO HAWAII MACADAMIA NUT PRODUCT LABELING. Requires products with labels representing that a portion of the macadamia nuts in the package were grown in Hawaii, to specify the percentage of Hawaiian-grown macadamia nuts. Prohibits labeling that incorrectly represents that any of the macadamia nuts contained in the package were grown in Hawaii.	AGR, CPC
HB 1778	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAIIAN DAIRY FARMS, LLC. Authorizes the issuance of up to \$37,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaiian Dairy Farms, LLC.	AGR, FIN
HB 1793	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Prohibits the reclassification of certain lands in the Ewa plains out of the agricultural district, except lands set aside for University of Hawaii West Oahu campus.	AGR, WLH
HB 1576	RELATING TO THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Makes Molokai irrigation system water users advisory board a governing board. Increases number of members of the board. Allows nomination from Molokai homestead stakeholder organizations.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

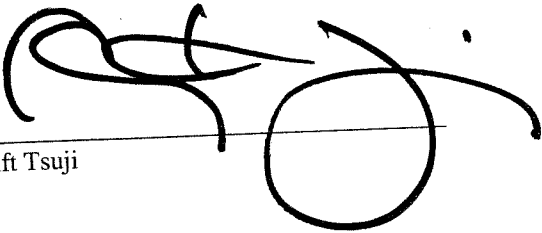
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