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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 8, 2008
TIME: 9:15am
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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HB 1988

RELATING TO MACADAMIA NUTS.

AGR/CPC, FIN

Establishes a macadamia nut commission to develop marketing and promotional programs for the macadamia nut industry in the State. Appropriation.

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<u>HB 2843</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Imposes a invasive species fee for all incoming non-containerized freight into the State. Requires the department of agriculture to assess fines for violations of section 150A-5.3, HRS (inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fees), pursuant to rules.	AGR/TRN, FIN
<u>HB 2977</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Requires the invasive species council to give priority to eradicating coqui frogs that are on state or county land and within 1 mile of residential areas.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 3425</u>	RELATING TO TARO Provides a grant for taro research, laboratory costs, and outreach for the control of the invasive apple snail.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 3424</u>	RELATING TO TARO. Requires the chairperson of the board of agriculture to report on the status of agricultural opportunities in the State to expand taro farming.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 3310</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for a grant to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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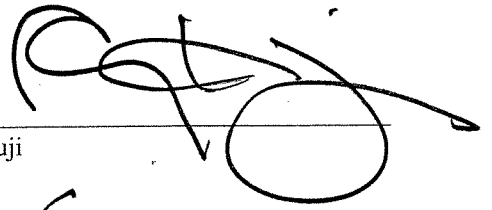
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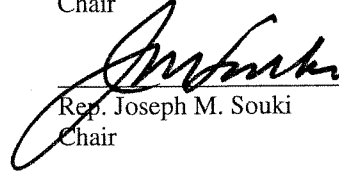
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