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CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING

The date of the hearing has been changed from Tuesday, January 30, 2008 to Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

DATE: **Wednesday, January 30, 2008**
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 2292</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Enables the agribusiness development corporation to contract with banks to provide lease management services. Allows corporation to lease agricultural lands for up to 55 years. Authorizes the corporation to purchase agricultural lands owned by the Galbraith Estate. Makes an appropriation to acquire Galbraith Estate Lands.	AGR/WLH, FIN
<u>HB 2293</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes issuance of revenue bonds to purchase land in central Oahu from the Galbraith Estate; appropriates funds to purchase the lands; enables the Agribusiness Development Corporation to contract with lending institutions to provide lease management services.	AGR/WLH, FIN
<u>HB 2316</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Protects agricultural classified land from rezoning if the land produces at least \$1,000,000 in gross income annually.	AGR/WLH
<u>HB 2450</u>	RELATING TO LAND USE.	AGR/WLH, JUD

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<u>HB 2593</u>	RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION. Appropriates funds for drought mitigation projects in each county of the state.	AGR/WLH, FIN
<u>HB 2594</u>	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes general obligation bond funds to be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund for repair and maintenance of certain irrigation systems, and for additional personnel to improve irrigation system management.	AGR/WLH, FIN
<u>HB 2810</u>	RELATING TO WATER RATES. Establishes a process for just and reasonable water rates for farming operations with PUC oversight, but excludes the water supplier from the definition of a "public utility."	AGR/WLH, CPC
<u>HB 2454</u>	RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Requires the board of land and natural resources to provide reduced lease rent rates for taro farmers on state leased land.	AGR/WLH, FIN
<u>HB 2451</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs the college of tropical agriculture and human resources of the University of Hawaii in consultation with native Hawaiian organizations and taro farmers, to establish a taro farming education and training program. Appropriates funds.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2452</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs the college of tropical agriculture and human resources of the University of Hawaii, in consultation with the department of health, to establish a program for commercial taro farmers to maximize business viability and success. Makes appropriation.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2453</u>	RELATING TO TARO. Appropriates funds for a taro farming grant program to assist taro farmers in need to help preserve the cultural legacy of taro farming for future generations.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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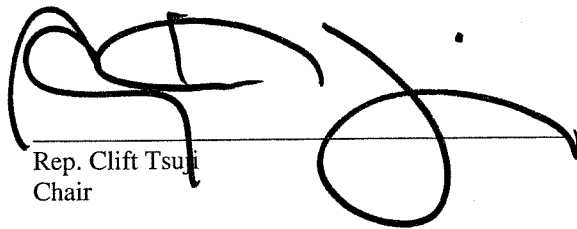
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