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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, February 1, 2008

TIME:

9:00a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AMENDED AGENDA

HB 2965

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SECURITY.

Establishes measures for preserving the security of the State's agricultural water supply in the event of an emergency. Creates the agricultural water security revolving fund to be administered by the department of land and natural resources. Makes appropriation. Effective 7/1/08.

AGR/WLH, CPC,

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THE FOLLOWING FOUR MEASURE(S) HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR DECISION MAKING ONLY. THE MEASURES WERE PREVIOUSLY HEARD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008. NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

HB 2454

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

AGR/WLH, FIN

Requires the board of land and natural resources to provide reduced

lease rent rates for taro farmers on state leased land.



HB 2451

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, HED, FIN

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.

HB 2452

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, HED, FIN

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.

HB 2453

RELATING TO TARO.

AGR, FIN

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.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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