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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: March 12, 2008
TIME: 9:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 325
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 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 2584, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR2726)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HONEY. Recognizes honey as an agricultural commodity. (SD2)	AGR, CPC
<u>SB 2639, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2577)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LOANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND AQUACULTURE PURPOSES. Increases aquaculture loan limits for Class A and 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 agricultural loan reserve fund and increases the expenditure ceiling of the agricultural loan revolving fund up to the combined ceiling total for the agricultural and aquaculture loan revolving funds. (SB2639 SD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>SB 2905, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR2863)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to support the economic analysis and fiscal impact portions of the study being conducted by the department of agriculture pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102, H.D. 1 (2007) regarding Kona coffee issues. (SB2905 SD2)	AGR, CPC, FIN
<u>SB 2956, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR2688)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MILK. Ensures that the remaining Hawaii dairy producers are paid a price commensurate with the quality of the milk they produce. Appropriates moneys to establish a strategic plan for the milk industry. (SD1)	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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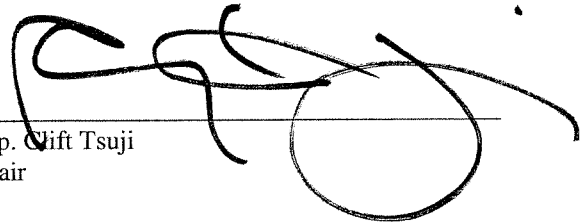
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Rep. Cliff Tsuji
Chair

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