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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 31, 2008
TIME: 2:45 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

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| <u>SB 2641</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Establishes a five-year moratorium on the development of agricultural lands located in the State for which general planning has not commenced. Creates a sunset date of 6/30/2013. | AHW, WTL |
| <u>SB 3208</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for a grant to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. | AHW, WAM |
| <u>SB 2559</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Creates the agricultural micro loan program authorizing the department of agriculture to issue loans up to \$25,000 for projects by Hawaii producers for local markets; appropriates funds into the agricultural micro loan revolving fund. | AHW, WAM |
| <u>SB 2639</u> <u>Testimony</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 revolving 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. | AHW, WAM |
| <u>SB 2956</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO MILK. Ensures that the remaining Hawaii dairy producers are paid a price commensurate with the quality of the milk they produce. | AHW, WAM |
| <u>SB 2215</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO MEAT. Requires grocers to list the country of origin of all beef, pork, poultry, and lamb sold. | AHW, JDL |
| <u>SB 2925</u> <u>Testimony</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a state organic program under the direction of the department of agriculture. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to implement a state organic program. | AHW, WAM |



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Senator Jim Tokuda
Chair

