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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 2009
TIME: 9:00am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 1471</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FARMS. Establishes a pilot program to develop safe food certification for small farms that form agricultural cooperatives and establish purchasing agreements with hotels and restaurants.	TCI/AGR, FIN
<u>HB 246</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO BIODIESEL FEEDSTOCK. Appropriation for Hawaii county economic opportunity council for operation of laboratory and research farm expansion for the Hawaii biotech tissue culture center to mass produce biodiesel feedstock.	AGR, EEP, FIN
<u>HB 213</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT. Requires agencies issuing permits, licenses, or approval to expedite permit applications of developments or improvements within agricultural parks and non-agricultural park lands.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 918</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE. Allows construction of certain non-significant farming structures without a building permit.	AGR, WLO



<u>HB 889</u> Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARKS. Makes farmers' markets a permitted use in an agricultural park.	AGR
<u>HB 244</u> Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Directs public utilities to establish discounted rates for providing services used for agricultural activities located in agricultural districts	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 243</u> Status	RELATING TO IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of irrigation systems.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 240</u> Status	MAKING A GRANT-IN-AID APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTIES TO FINANCE DROUGHT MITIGATION PROJECTS AND MEASURES. Appropriates funds to the counties for drought mitigation purposes.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 255</u> Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs department of agriculture, in conjunction with agribusiness development corporation, to develop an agricultural water plan for Ka'u and south Kona.	AGR, FIN

**The following measure(s) were previously heard on Friday, January 30, 2009.
No public testimony will be accepted.**

<u>HB 237</u> Status	RELATING TO MACADAMIA NUTS. Appropriates funds to fund a marketing study for Hawaii's macadamia nut industry, including the best structure for the establishment of a Hawaii Macadamia Nut Commission.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 404</u> Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an agricultural products transportation program to provide grants to qualified agricultural producers to alleviate ocean and air intrastate transportation costs.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing with a transmittal cover indicating:

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