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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 3, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 14</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. Expands the authorized uses of the agricultural development and food security special fund to include the improvement and investigative studies of dams and reservoirs. Authorizes director of finance to issue general obligation bonds for the special fund.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1209</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Appropriates funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the east Kauai irrigation system.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1153</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Reduces the new farmer program loan interest rate; increases the loan limits; reduces the number of credit denials required to qualify for the program; appropriates funds.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1155</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL LEASE TASK FORCE. Establishes the long-term agricultural lease task force in the department of agriculture; makes appropriation.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1343</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ELECTRICITY RATES. Establishes a process for preferential rates for electricity used for agricultural activities.	AGL, CPN



<u>SB 1145</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the State to attain certain food sustainability standards by enumerated deadlines. Requires the department of agriculture to monitor the State's progress with respect to achieving the food sustainability standards. Authorizes the department of agriculture to impose penalties for the State's failure to reach the respective food sustainability standard deadlines. Requires the department of agriculture to report to the legislature annually. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture to effectuate the purpose of this Act.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1142</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Provides a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS, to the 4Ag Hawaii nonprofit corporation to expand its outreach and e-educational initiatives begun in 2010.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1143</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Provides a grant to the 4 Ag Hawaii nonprofit corporation to expand its "Buy Local, It Matters" campaign.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 1513</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Eliminates the application fee and license fees for milk producers, producer-distributors, and distributors.	AGL, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair

