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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2011
TIME: 2:55 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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| <u>HB 227, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR934)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO TRESPASS. Makes entering or remaining unlawfully on unimproved or unused agricultural lands without permission an offense of criminal trespass in the second degree if the lands are fenced, enclosed, or secured, or a sign is displayed. Includes entering or remaining on agricultural lands that are fallow or have evidence of livestock at the time of entry in the offense of trespass in the second degree. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB227 HD2) | AGL, JDL |
| <u>HB 865, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR721)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO INSPECTION FEES. Increases the fee assessed for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight from 50 cents to 75 cents for every 1,000 pounds of freight brought into the State. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB865 HD2) | AGL, WAM |
| <u>HB 866, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR887)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Allows beekeepers to register with the department of agriculture. Appropriates funds for apiary program. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB866 HD2) | AGL, WAM |
| <u>HB 1570, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR719)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u> | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to reimburse livestock producers for feed costs. Makes goat farmers with a herd of at least 25 lactating milking goats eligible for the livestock revitalization program. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1570 HD2) | AGL, WAM |
| <u>HB 1277, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR888)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u> | MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURE WATER DEVELOPMENT STUDY. Makes an appropriation out of the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund for the Statewide Agriculture Water Use and Development Plan to be performed by the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1277 HD2) | AGL, WAM |



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| <p><u>HB 1248, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR720)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Reduces the new farmer program loan interest rate. Increases the loan limits and reduces the number of credit denials required to qualify for the program. Appropriates funds. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1248 HD1)</p> | <p>AGL, WAM</p> |
| <p><u>HB 1552, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR689)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO COFFEE. Restricts the use of the geographic origin of Hawaii-grown coffee on coffee labels. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB1552 HD1)</p> | <p>AGL, CPN</p> |
| <p><u>HB 1598, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR885)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u></p> | <p>RELATING TO THE CACAO INDUSTRY. Temporarily exempting from the general excise tax (GET) amounts received for the sale of cacao from a producer or processed cacao from a processor. Requires the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with other state agencies to determine the best locations for a cacao-processing facility. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1598 HD2)</p> | <p>AGL, WAM</p> |

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Committee at AGLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov . Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 204, State Capitol.
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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair

