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NOTICE OF HEARING

**NOTE: These measures have been re-scheduled for hearing on:  
Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 2:45 pm in CR 225**

DATE: ~~Thursday, February 10, 2011~~  
TIME: ~~10:00 A.M.~~  
PLACE: ~~Conference Room 225  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street~~

A G E N D A

**SB-145**

~~— [Testimony](#)  
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~~RELATING TO IRRIGATION.~~

~~Funds the agriculture water use and development plan by authorizing the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds in the sum of \$400,000, and appropriating out of the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund the sum of \$400,000, to fund various irrigation systems and necessary positions in unspecified amounts.~~

~~AGL/WLH, WAM~~

**SB-1144**

~~— [Testimony](#)  
— [Status](#)~~

~~RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.~~

~~Increases lease terms for aquaculture ventures from 35 to 45 years. Requires the DOA and the DLNR to conduct a review of the State's public land inventory and identify lands available and suitable for taro farming.~~

~~AGL/WLH, WAM~~

**SB-1158**

~~— [Testimony](#)  
— [Status](#)~~

~~RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.~~

~~Creates the designation of exceptional use for certain agricultural activities; provides for special lease provisions for exceptional uses on public lands and in agricultural parks; provides priority consideration for applications for exceptional use by the land use commission and other agencies.~~

~~AGL/WLH, WAM~~

**SB-761**

~~— [Testimony](#)  
— [Status](#)~~

~~RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES.~~

~~Increases the length of agricultural leases with a thirty-five limit to fifty-five years.~~

~~AGL/WLH, WAM~~



<p><b><u>SB 687</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND.</p> <p>Establishes lessee selection criteria and lease requirements for the department of land and natural resources to use to lease public land to qualified farmers for agricultural activities. Requires the agribusiness development corporation to assist qualified farmers who lease public land for agricultural activities with marketing, technical, or business needs.</p>	<p>WLH/AGL, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1183</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.</p> <p>Authorizes the board and department of land and natural resources to enter into cooperative agreements with any state department to manage and develop vacant public lands for agricultural purposes or uses.</p>	<p>WLH/AGL, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1392</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.</p> <p>Creates new regulatory provisions governing the lease or sale of public land to agricultural enterprises.</p>	<p>AGL/WLH, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1180</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO LAND USE.</p> <p>Authorizes certain development rights to be conveyed from owners in agricultural districts to certain owners of land in urban districts, subject to conditions.</p>	<p>WLH/AGL, JDL</p>
<p><b><u>SB 736</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO LAND USE.</p> <p>Creates a temporary task force to study agricultural land classification, considering existing land use laws and appropriate uses for important agricultural lands. Report to the legislature.</p>	<p>WLH/AGL, WAM</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1511</u></b></p> <p>— <u>Testimony</u></p> <p>— <u>Status</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.</p> <p>Increases lease terms for aquaculture operations from 35 to 65 years. Permits aquaculture lessees in good standing the right of first refusal. Allows for supportive aquaculture activities.</p>	<p>AGL/WLH, 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 [WLHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHTestimony@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.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 225, State Capitol.
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