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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 27, 2012
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 2100
Status

RELATING TO BEES.
Appropriates \$10,000 to the University of Hawaii at Hilo for the development of a new bee hive research area at the University's farm located in Panaewa, Hawaii.

AGR, HED, FIN

HB 2093
Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.
Requires the University of Hawaii to establish a Center for Agricultural Leadership. Requires the University of Hawaii to establish a two-year pilot project at one high school campus in each county to determine the steps necessary for a school farm to be food safety certified by the Department of Agriculture.

AGR, HED/EDN,
FIN

HB 2245
Status

RELATING TO HAWAII-GROWN PRODUCE.
Establishes the farm-to-school program in the department of agriculture to increase the procurement of locally-grown fruits and vegetables. Establishes a task force within the Department of Agriculture to examine the feasibility of establishing school gardens and creating a Hawaii-grown Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program; and to advise the Department of Agriculture in the creation and implementation of the Farm-to-School Program. Adds an appropriation section to be expended by the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2050.

AGR, EDN, FIN

HB 1945
Status

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.
Directs public utilities to establish preferential rates for public utility services provided to ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities in agricultural districts. Effective January 1, 2013.

AGR, CPC, FIN



HB 1787

Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Exempts producers of agricultural products in areas without access to municipal water supplies or infrastructure from processing the product in a certified food-processing establishment or obtaining a permit from the DOH. Increases the exemption threshold for producers of honey.

AGR, HLT, FIN

HB 1833

Status

RELATING TO LIABILITY.

Requires the State or county to indemnify public agency property owners from liability arising from the sale of food or food products by vendors at a farmers market on agency property.

AGR, JUD, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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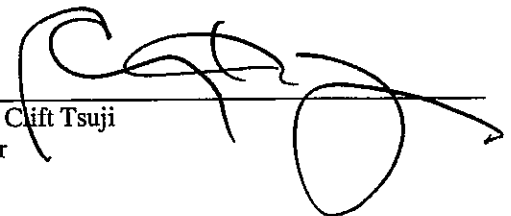
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