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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, February 24, 2012

TIME:

1:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA#4</u>

HB 2100, HD1 (HSCR442-12) Status

RELATING TO BEES.

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Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for statewide bee hive

research. Effective July 1, 2050.

HB 280, HD1 (HSCR585-12) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, FIN

Status

Removes the requirement that all Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be inspected and certified by the Department of Agriculture unless otherwise specified by rules of the Department. Removes the requirement that no Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be shipped outside the area of their geographic origin unless they have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture.

HB 2244, HD1 (HSCR339-12) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE INSPECTORS.

AGR, FIN

Status 5 4 1

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish compliance agreements with the federal government and other states for inspections conducted in the state of origin. Effective July 1, 2050.

HB 1943, HD1 (HSCR586-12) RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

AGR, FIN

Status

Makes an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture to fund the

plant quarantine detector-dog program. Effective July 1, 2050.

HB 1942, HD1 (HSCR292-12) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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Status

Allows moneys in the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to be expended for the Electronic Importer Manifest Program. Makes

an appropriation for the program. Effective July 1, 2050.

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HB 1941, HD1 (HSCR338-12) Status

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION FACILITIES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. Makes an appropriation to establish agricultural inspection biosecurity facilities and related infrastructure at the Honolulu International Airport, Kona International Airport, Kawaihae Harbor, Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant, and Honolulu Harbor. Effective February 1, 2050.

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HB 2093, HD2 (HSCR328-12) Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. Establishes a Center for Agricultural Leadership within the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management. 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

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HB 2668, HD1 (HSCR438-12) <u>Status</u>

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Amends important agricultural land tax credit to allow an additional fifteen per cent credit for drought mitigation and change the tax credit cap from \$7,500,000 per year to \$5,000,000 per year for the 2012 tax

certified by the Department of Agriculture. Effective July 1, 2050.

year and \$7,000,000 per year for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 tax years. Creates a livestock feed tax credit for 2012. Creates feed development tax credit program from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2014.

HB 1947, HD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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(HSCR587-12) Status

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish an Agricultural Safety and Security Program. Requires, under the Program, the Department to conduct audit and certification services that indicate a producer's compliance with generally accepted agricultural and management practices and food security and traceability requirements. Specifies that the Program is voluntary for producers. Requires the charge of fees and expenses. Establishes an Agricultural Practices Audit and Certification Revolving Fund for the Program.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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