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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 04, 2013
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Auditorium
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 733
Status

RELATING TO LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
WHOLE FOOD.

AGR, FIN

Requires labeling of certain genetically engineered food products.

HB 97
Status

RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES.

AGR, BEP, FIN

Requires a permit from the department of agriculture to import, introduce, or develop a new species of genetically engineered organism. Allows the department after a public hearing to determine whether to grant a permit and under what conditions, if any, based on the department's determination of the level of risk presented to agriculture, horticulture, the environment, animal, or public health.

HB 478
Status

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

AGR, EDN, FIN

Authorizes schools to grow food in school gardens for consumption in the school lunch program; provided that the food is inspected and certified as safe by the Department of Agriculture. Allows nonprofit organizations to establish and administer fresh food distribution services. Effective July 1, 2013.

HB 747
Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, FIN

Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received for the slaughter and processing of poultry and livestock.

HB 96
Status

RELATING TO FARMS.

AGR, FIN

Creates an income tax exemption on the first \$50,000 of income for family farms, family farm communities, and family farm cooperatives.



DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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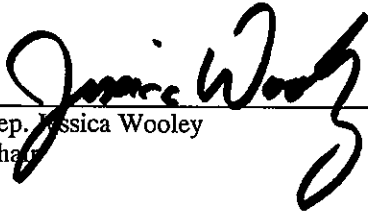
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