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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2013
TIME: 2:55p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 590</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies the State's policy to promote and foster an atmosphere of acceptance for agricultural practices. Guarantees the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices.	AGL, JDL
<u>SB 709</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. Increases the agribusiness development corporation's limit on investments in qualified securities of any one enterprise to \$3,000,000.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 752</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Establishes the agricultural land acquisition special fund for the purchase of agricultural land by the agribusiness development corporation for the protection of agricultural lands, land banking, promotion of farm ownership, and agricultural diversity. Allocates an unspecified portion of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to be deposited into the special fund. Requires the agribusiness development corporation to report annually to the legislature.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 753</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes the department of agriculture to dispose of lands to the agribusiness development corporation. Exempts non-agricultural parks lands disposed to the agribusiness development corporation from section 166-8, HRS. Allows department of agriculture to negotiate and enter into leases with the agribusiness development corporation.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 754</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND ACQUISITION. Makes an appropriation for the agribusiness development corporation to purchase agricultural land.	AGL, WAM
<u>SB 937</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO HAWAII FOOD RESILIENCY. Develops a food resiliency initiative program, including a new branch in the department of agriculture, a task force, and appropriations.	AGL, WAM



[SB 992](#)

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RELATING TO LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY.
Allows for agricultural loans to be administered for livestock biosecurity projects.

AGL, WAM

[SB 993](#)

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.
Modifies the new farmer loan program of the Department of Agriculture to promote the development of innovative technologies and to assist new farm enterprises.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair

