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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 31, 2013
TIME: 09:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 312
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 486</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs.	AGR, EDN/HED, FIN
<u>HB 502</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Appropriates monies to the department of agriculture to create positions within the department to monitor local food production. Requires the issuance of an RFP for the establishment of a food sufficiency baseline that determines the percentage of food locally produced and consumed. Effective July 1, 2013.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 503</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Provides a GET exemption on amounts received by farmers for the sale of fresh farm produce intended for consumption within the State.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 487</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Expands livestock feed subsidies to include sheep, lamb, fish and crustaceans. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 737</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES. Assists agricultural enterprises in the State by authorizing the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds for their benefit. Contingent upon ratification of constitutional amendment authorizing the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist agricultural enterprises.	AGR, FIN



<u>HB 154</u> Status	RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP. Authorizes the Chair of the Board of Agriculture to establish an industrial hemp remediation pilot program. Appropriates funds.	AGR, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 1145</u> Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL TRANSPORT. Establishes food, water, cargo hold temperature, cargo transfer, and certification requirements for air transport of live animals.	AGR, TRN, FIN
<u>HB 1148</u> Status	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. Requires the PUC to establish preferential rates for the purchase of energy that is used or consumed for agricultural activities.	AGR, EEP, CPC
<u>HB 478</u> Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. 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.	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 673</u> Status	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish and implement a pesticide use reporting system in the State, including investigations of health complaints by the Department of Health. Requires users of pesticides to report usage to DOA. Permits DOA to impose a fee to recover costs.	AGR, HLT, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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