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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 06, 2014
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 2196

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Re-establishes the energy systems development special fund, which was repealed on June 30, 2013. Increases the amount of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to be deposited into the environmental response revolving fund, energy security special fund, and agricultural development and food security special fund. Extends the repeal of various allocations of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax from June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2030.

ENE/AGL, WAM

SB 2658

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RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY.

Requires that solar facilities on agricultural lands with an overall productivity rating of class B or C occupy up to thirty, rather than ten, per cent of the acreage of the parcel or two or more adjacent parcels having met the applicable county requirements for the joint development or joint lot use of those parcels; provided that the area occupied by the solar facilities in excess of twenty acres shall only be made available for agricultural activities compatible with the solar energy facilities. Requires that solar energy facilities be removed from the land within twelve months when the facilities are no longer in operation.

ENE/AGL, WTL

SB 2435

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Gives preference to moneys deposited in the agricultural development and food security special fund from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax for the acquisition of real property for agricultural production. Increases the allocation of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to the agricultural development and food security special fund.

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SB 2347

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RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
Requires nursery stock to be treated for the eradication of pests before the sale or transport of the nursery stock from one island to another island within the State or intransland. Limits the exception to possess, propagate, sell, transfer, or harbor prohibited animals to those being used for scientific research. Eliminates the element of intent from the penalty for owning, possessing, harboring, transferring, and importing prohibited animals and pests.

AGL/ENE, JDL

SB 2458

[Status & Testimony](#)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.
Appropriates funds for FY 2014-2015 for the department of agriculture's biosecurity program.

AGL/ENE, WAM

SB 2970

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RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIOTORK HAWAII, LLC.
Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Biotork Hawaii, LLC with the planning, permitting, design, construction, equipping, and operation of a facility to convert agricultural crops and byproducts to biofuels and various feed.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
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