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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 04, 2016
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB 1982**

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **HB1995, HB2077**

<u>HB 1539</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SUPPLY. Appropriates moneys to the department of agriculture for planning and engineering studies and designs for construction of water source development, renewable energy sources for agricultural development and delivery, and a reservoir to service the agricultural lands surrounding Waimea.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1596</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes the invasive species rapid response special fund within DLNR. Establishes procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures. Appropriates moneys.	AGR, EEP, FIN
<u>HB 1984</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Authorizes affordable employee housing for employees in the agricultural district.	AGR, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 1996</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a two-year Agricultural Theft Pilot Project in the Department of Agriculture to focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the County of Hawaii. Appropriates funds.	AGR, JUD, FIN



<u>HB 1997</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Implements the recommendation of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.	AGR, LAB, FIN
<u>HB 2045</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Limits subdivisions of agricultural district lands to no more than five lots if the fee simple interest in any of the lots is being sold or otherwise transferred to anyone within the second degree of consanguinity of the landowner.	AGR, WAL, JUD
<u>HB 2275</u> <u>Status</u>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIG ISLAND DAIRY, LLC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds up to \$10,000,000 to assist Big Island Dairy LLC for the planning, design, and construction of new milking facilities.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1982</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIG ISLAND DAIRY, LLC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Big Island Dairy, LLC, with the operation of its dairy farm in Ookala.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2424</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Requires DOA to establish or participate in private-public partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process. Appropriates funds.	AGR, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2542</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE AUDITOR. Directs the auditor to audit the plant quarantine branch of DOA to facilitate its transfer to DOT.	AGR, LMG, FIN
<u>HB 2582</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program that concurrently complies with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act as it applies to farmers and ranchers. Authorizes and appropriates funds for program staff.	AGR, CPC, FIN
<u>HB 2674</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT. Establishes a two-year Agricultural Theft Pilot Project in the Department of Agriculture to focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the county of Hawaii. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture.	AGR, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 2676</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes, within CTAHR's agribusiness incubator program, a five-year energy independent farming community pilot project. Appropriations.	AGR, HED, FIN



HB 1995

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. Requires the PUC to require electric and gas utilities to develop energy storage technology incentive programs to provide incentives to agricultural customers to acquire energy storage technology for use at the agricultural customers' sites.~~

~~AGR, EEP, FIN~~

HB 2077

Status

~~RELATING TO HYDROELECTRIC POWER.~~

~~Permits hydroelectric facilities on Agricultural District lands that are considered small hydropower facilities under federal law.~~

~~AGR, EEP/WAL,
CPC~~

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

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