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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
TIME: 8:40 AM – 11:55 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 312
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 167</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DECOMMISSIONING AND RELOCATION OF THE ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION IN HALAWA VALLEY. Authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the decommissioning and relocation of the animal quarantine station in Halawa Valley.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 452</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. Requires that all agricultural products labeled or advertised as organic shall be certified as organic by a qualified certification agent pursuant to the federal National Organic Program.	AGR. JUD
<u>HB 453</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires DOA to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and state food safety laws. Appropriates funds.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 454</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Authorizes departments that are members of the invasive species council to require landowners with land that contains invasive species to control or eradicate the invasive species if the landowner does not permit the department to enter the land. Imposes fines for noncompliance.	AGR. JUD
<u>HB 455</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Prohibits the DOA from charging agricultural producers for the costs of food safety certification activities conducted by the department.	AGR. FIN



<u>HB 483</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the feed developer grant program and reimbursements to qualified producers for feed costs.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 490</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD PRODUCTION. Establishes and appropriates funding for the Food Production Goals Task Force.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 777, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR230)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Allows gray water systems to be placed on agricultural lands to help farmers use water and gray water nutrients more efficiently.	AGR. EEP
<u>HB 891</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the board of agriculture, in cooperation with the office of the governor, to develop a strategic plan to double local food production and exports by 2020. Requires the board of agriculture to submit a report to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2018 in order to codify the strategic plan and benchmarks.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 961</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FARMERS. Creates an exclusion from income tax for the first \$50,000 of income earned by farmers whose annual gross income does not exceed \$150,000. Repeals the organic foods production tax credit.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 1341</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH IN HAWAII. Designates the month of October as "Farm to School Month in Hawaii."	AGR. JUD
<u>HB 1472</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH. Appropriates moneys for research to combat rapid ohia death.	AGR. FIN
<u>HB 1599</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS. Defines emotional support animals and makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly make a misrepresentation regarding a service, or emotional support, animal.	AGR. JUD

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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