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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 312
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

Public testimony and comments will be accepted for the following bills. Decision making will take place on February 1, 2017, at 11:30am, room 312.

HB 780
Status

RELATING TO NUTRIENT CYCLING.

AGR, FIN

Makes an appropriation for a regional nutrient cycling pilot program on Maui. Requires DOA to report on the efficacy of the pilot project.

HB 781
Status

RELATING TO THE P-20 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
WORKING GROUP.

AGR, HED, FIN

Appropriates funds for the hiring of a coordinator and for interisland travel and operating expenses of the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Outlines the duties of the working group and opens participation in the working group to additional persons and entities.

HB 783
Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, JUD, FIN

Establishes a two-year agricultural theft and vandalism pilot project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the county of Hawaii. Appropriates funds.



<u>HB 784</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ENTERPRISE ZONES. Expands the definition of an eligible business activity to include businesses that provide renewable energy infrastructure to agricultural producers. Extends the tax credit eligibility periods in enterprise zones for agricultural producers and for businesses providing renewable energy infrastructure to agricultural producers until the Hawaii constitutional mandate of "self-sufficiency" is fulfilled. Expands the qualifications of a qualified business to include those businesses that increase gross volume of agricultural products or gross volume of renewable energy infrastructures to agricultural producers within enterprise zones located within the same county by two percent annually. Specifies the kinds of agricultural investments that are eligible for the business tax credit.	AGR, EEP, FIN
<u>HB 786</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Replaces sugar and pineapple industries as the agriculture priority in the Hawaii State Planning Act with agriculture farming methods that improve Hawaii's food, soil, and water quality.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 787</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND. Permits private overnight campgrounds on land within agricultural districts in all counties, subject to specified conditions and adoption of appropriate county ordinances.	AGR, WAL
<u>HB 1007</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes and appropriates funds for the Korean natural farming pilot program to combat various agricultural pests in Hawaii. Repeals on June 30, .	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING ONLY

The following bills are scheduled for decision-making purposes only to insert substantive provisions into the short form bill. No public testimony will be accepted. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date, at which time testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 774</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Short form bill relating to agriculture.	AGR
<u>HB 775</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Short form bill relating to agriculture.	AGR
<u>HB 776</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Short form bill relating to agriculture.	AGR
<u>HB 777</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Short form bill relating to agriculture.	AGR
<u>HB 778</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Short form bill relating to agriculture.	AGR



DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

Submit testimony in ONE of the following ways:

PAPER: 8 copies (including an original) to Room 324 in the State Capitol;

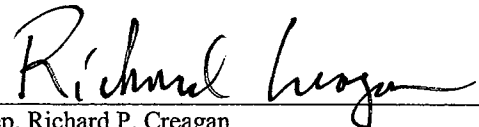
FAX: For testimony less than 5 pages in length, transmit to 808-586-6779 (Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (for Neighbor Islander without a computer to submit testimony through e-mail or the Web); or

WEB: For testimony less than 10MB in size, transmit from <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

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Rep. Richard P. Creagan
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