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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>SB 2533</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Exempts from the general excise tax the value or gross income derived from the sale of locally grown food produced and purchased within the State.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2565</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTION. Exempts sales of farm equipment and machinery to certain producers of agricultural products from the general excise tax. Takes effect on 7/1/2019.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2572</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish an annual import substitution grant program to encourage Hawaii farmers and growers to identify and grow food and nonfood alternative products to phase out imports of high-risk pathway food and commodities by 2027. Appropriates funds for outreach materials to encourage Hawaii residents to buy local products and foster a sense of pride and self-responsibility in protecting Hawaii's agriculture, environment, and lifestyle.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2573</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO NUTRIENT CYCLING. Establishes and appropriates funds for a regional nutrient cycling pilot program on Maui. Requires DOA to report on the efficacy of the pilot project.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2685</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Exempts the gross proceeds of any qualified small farmer from the general excise tax. Repeals on 1/1/2022.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2842</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the acquisition of certain farm lands in west Kauai by the agribusiness development corporation.	AEN, WAM



<u>SB 3030</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a farmer apprentice mentoring program to teach and train farmers to utilize a whole farm system approach to agriculture. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture for the farmer apprentice mentoring program.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 3031</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE ORGANIC FOODS PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT. Clarifies and strengthens the organic foods production tax credit. Repeals on 12/31/2021.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 3033</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT. Amends the definition of agricultural equipment, supplies, or products. Strengthens property right protections for persons who produce agricultural products on private residential property.	AEN, JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
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