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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2019
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 261</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies definition of "qualified agricultural costs." Extends through the 2029 taxable year the time in which the Department of Agriculture may certify important agricultural lands qualified agricultural cost tax credits. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2019.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 530</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF STATE FUNDS. Establishes linked investments to provide loan funds for agriculture and authorizes the State to invest in linked investments.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1481</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Establishes a five-year pilot program within the Department of Agriculture for agricultural loans that do not incur interest or require payments for three years.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 938</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 937</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS. Increases the chairperson's authority to approve agricultural loans and aquacultural loans.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 123</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS. Abolishes the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Biocontrol Foreign Exploration special fund and transfers the unencumbered balances to the general fund.	AGR, FIN



HB 769
Status

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

AGR, FIN

Permits the transfer of operational authority over the portions of the East Kauai irrigation system operated and maintained by the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative as of 7/1/2019, to the Department of Agriculture upon adoption of rules. Establishes positions within the Agricultural Resource Management Division. Authorizes GO bonds. Makes an appropriation.

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:

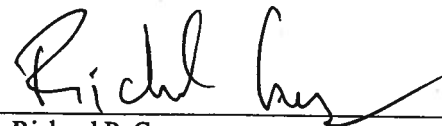
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Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

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Rep. Richard P. Creagan
Chair

