

THE SENATE
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

[COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS](#)
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The following measure(s) were previously heard in their respective subject matter committees:

SB 375, SD1 (SSCR46) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to develop a strategic plan to double local food production and increase food exports by 2030. Requires the Department of Agriculture to submit the strategic plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	AEN, WAM
SB 223, SD1 (SSCR36) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Transfers operational authority over portions of the east Kauai irrigation system operated and maintained by the east Kauai water users' cooperative as of 7/1/19, to the Department of Agriculture. Establishes positions. Authorizes GO bonds. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	AEN, WAM
SB 485 (SSCR15) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Increases the amount of barrel tax deposited into the agricultural development and food security special fund.	AEN, WAM
SB 519, SD1 (SSCR35) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY. Requires the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources to partner with the agriculture community to establish a food safety certification training program to provide assistance to small and medium sized farms to obtain a United States Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices certificate or an equivalent. Appropriates funds. (SD1)	AEN, WAM
SB 753, SD1 (SSCR34) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Appropriates funds for operational expenses for revitalizing the aquaculture development program within the department of agriculture. (SD1)	AEN, WAM

<p><u>SB 837, SD1</u> (SSCR56) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO FARMS. Creates an exclusion from income tax for the lesser of fifty-one per cent of gross annual income or \$50,000 of gross annual income earned by a farmer from farming activities. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2019. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1148, SD1</u> (SSCR72) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds into and out of the agricultural loan revolving fund for the department of agriculture to provide loans to local ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1149, SD1</u> (SSCR55) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program to identify efficient agriculture equipment and retrofit engines to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1150, SD1</u> (SSCR57) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control. (SD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 1151</u> (SSCR51) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS. Increases the chairperson's authority to approve agricultural loans and aquacultural loans.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 114</u> (SSCR21) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING. Establishes the teacher home assistance program to be administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to provide housing vouchers to full-time teachers employed by the department of education, including teachers at public charter schools, who teach in a hard-to-fill school, as determined by the department of education, and whose household income does not exceed eighty per cent of the area median income. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>HOU/EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 891</u> (SSCR23) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. Exempts affordable housing units, additions to existing dwelling units, accessory dwelling units, ohana dwelling units, and affordable housing projects developed by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from school impact fee requirements.</p>	<p>HOU/EDU, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 130</u> (SSCR90) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES. Appropriates funds for the judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low and moderate income persons.</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 216, SD1</u> (SSCR9) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ELECTIONS. Requires a mandatory recount of election votes and ballot measures when the margin of victory for election contests or tabulation for ballot measures is equal to or less than one hundred or one-half of one per cent of the votes cast, whichever is greater. (SD1)</p>	<p>JDC, WAM</p>

Decision making meeting only, no oral testimony will be accepted.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair