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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 12, 2021
TIME: 1:15 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
TIMESLOT: WTL

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A G E N D A

SB 1168

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RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEASE PASTURE LANDS ON TERMS THAT PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE BENEFICIAL USE FOR FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, RECREATIONAL, AND FOOD PRODUCTION PURPOSES.

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Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend and extend existing pasture leases and to issue new pasture leases by negotiation in furtherance of public purposes the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for promoting.

SB 693

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.

WTL/AEN, JDC

Requires the department of land natural resources and department of agriculture to meet and identify the non-agricultural park lands that should be rezoned as those in the conservation district. Requires that agricultural lands under the jurisdiction of the department of land and natural resources be transferred to the department of agriculture not later than 12/31/2023. Requires the department of land and natural resources and department of agriculture to meet every five years to discuss transferring remaining lands. Requires the department of agriculture to inquire about any easements needed by the department of land and natural resources before offering a lease.

<u>SB 226</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE. Temporarily allows the governor to negotiate land exchanges to acquire lands suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in return for state lands to be developed for affordable, workforce, and other housing. Requires legislative approval for the land exchanges. Report to the Legislature.	WTL/AEN, WAM
<u>SB 1292</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. Exempts the proposed drilling, construction, or use of a well on lands leased from the department of agriculture from the requirements of the environmental impact statements law, provided that the land is being used to support agriculture and food production.	WTL/AEN, JDC
<u>SB 367</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO WATER QUALITY. Waives the requirement for section 401 water quality certification for certain small scale beach restoration projects authorized by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.	WTL/AEN, JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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