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Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Via Videoconference

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**SB 2955**

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RELATING TO COMPOSTING.

Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a three-year compost reimbursement pilot program to provide reimbursements to farmers and ranchers when purchasing compost from a certified processor, dealer, retailer, or wholesaler licensed to do business in the State. Establishes a temporary compost reimbursement pilot program manager position. Requires the Department to submit a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

AEN, WAM

**SB 2960**

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RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.

Requires the Department of Agriculture to partner with the Hawaii agricultural community to establish and implement a food safety certification training program to help small to medium sized farms comply with federal food safety certification mandates. Appropriates funds.

AEN, WAM

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2962</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p><del>PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE TO CLEAN WATER AND AIR AND HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS, INCLUDING CLIMATE, AND TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, SCENIC, AND HEALTHFUL QUALITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT. Proposes a constitutional amendment that recognizes and protects, for present and future generations, the inherent and inalienable right of all people to clean water and air and healthy ecosystems, including climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, and healthful qualities of the environment. Provides that the State and its subdivisions shall protect and shall not infringe upon these rights.</del></p>	<p>AEN, JDC/WAM    [Deleted On 02-02-22]</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2973</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP PRODUCTION.  Extends regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture over hemp production until June 30, 2024.</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2982</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO A FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM.  Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a five-year food hub pilot program to increase access to local food. Provides for the award of grant funding to qualified applicants wishing to establish or expand a food hub. Requires reports to the Legislature. Makes an appropriation.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2986</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP.  Removes certain duplicative regulations imposed on hemp producers in the State. Allows hemp producers to sell biomass directly to consumers. Requires that hemp produced in the State be labeled as Hawaii produced and that hemp produced outside the State be labeled with the appropriate origin.</p>	<p>AEN, CPN</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2989</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.  Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 2990</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.  Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program to provide up to seventy-five per cent cost reimbursement to farming operations in the State for acquiring cover crop seeds, green manure, or compost. Requires the convening of a review panel to screen and rate applicants on the quality of their cover crop and green manure and composting practices. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the Department of Agriculture to administer the program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 3001</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUNSCREEN.  Beginning January 1, 2023, prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or distribution in the State of any sunscreen that contains active ingredients that are not generally recognized as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration, without a prescription issued by a licensed health care provider.</p>	<p>AEN, CPN/JDC</p>

<p><b><a href="#">SB 3005</a></b></p> <p><a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes a three-year cover crop reimbursement pilot program to provide reimbursement to farming operations in the State for costs related to cover cropping. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the department of agriculture to administer the program. Requires an annual report to the legislature. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 3197</a></b></p> <p><a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>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 to provide mentoring on a whole farm system approach to agriculture.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB 3198</a></b></p> <p><a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BENEFITING AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for agriculture.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair