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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 7, 2022  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 2909</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITIES. Provides a certification process for privately-owned and operated plant quarantine facilities.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">SB 2908</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE PLANT QUARANTINE BRANCH. Appropriates general revenues to expand state-run quarantine facilities under the jurisdiction of the department of agriculture's plant quarantine branch.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1416</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO FARMER EQUITY. Establishes provisions within the department of agriculture to enhance farmer equity by ensuring inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the development, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, rule, policies, and programs. Requires an annual report to the legislature.	AEN, JDC
<a href="#">SB 1316</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an agricultural production tax credit that includes agricultural producers who produce at least fifty per cent of food crops for local consumption.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">SB 1277</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING. Establishes the environmental justice mapping task force and an advisory council to develop high-quality data relating to environmental justice concerns, identify environmental justice communities, and devise a method to correct for racist and unjust practices leading to historical and current environmental injustices.	AEN, JDC

<a href="#"><u>SB 1030</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES. Removes the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and adds the statutory requirement for representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.	AEN, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 1025</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to plan, design, construct, operate, manage, maintain, repair, demolish, and remove infrastructure on any lands under the jurisdiction of the department, to support and promote agriculture. Establishes the agricultural enterprise program. Establishes the Agricultural Enterprise Special Fund. Requires the Board of Agriculture to annually report an accounting of non-agricultural park lessees to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2021.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 1315</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a food manufacturer tax credit. Defines qualified taxpayers as manufacturers that produce value-added products using local crops.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2798</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE. Authorizes the board to grant temporary courtesy and relief permits for out-of-state veterinarians. Permits licensed veterinarians to practice veterinarian telemedicine. Allows for international veterinary school graduates to qualify for the licensure examination.	AEN, CPN
<a href="#"><u>SB 2675</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. 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.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2673</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO FARMER EQUITY. Enhances farmer equity by ensuring inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the development, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, rule, policies, and programs. Requires an annual report to the legislature.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2537</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. Amends the definition of "capital investment costs" to include the planting of trees having an expected lifespan of at least 15 years.	AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair