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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

SB 3004

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RELATING TO COMPOSTING.

Establishes and appropriates funds for a compost reimbursement program within the department of agriculture and one full-time permanent compost reimbursement program manager position to oversee the program. Requires an annual progress report of the program to the legislature prior to each regular session.

AEN, WAM

SB 3220

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO POLLUTION ABATEMENT.

Increases civil penalties for the violation of various pollution provisions. Appropriates funds for one full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state biologist or ecologist.

AEN, JDC/WAM

SB 2977

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO EGG-LAYING HENS.

Requires farm owners or operators to confine egg-laying hens in accordance with the standards established in this measure. Effective 6/30/27, prohibits a business owner or operator from selling shell eggs or egg products that are produced by egg-laying hens that were confined in a cruel manner.

AEN, CPN/JDC

SB 264

[Status &
Testimony](#)

~~RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.~~

~~Appropriates unspecified funds for climate change. Effective 7/1/2050.~~

AEN, WAM

**[Measure deleted
on 2/7/2022]**

SB 313

[Status &
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL.

Prohibits the intentional release of balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air.

AEN, JDC

<p>SB 2290</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO MICROBEADS.</p> <p>Beginning 7/1/2022: bans the manufacture of a personal care product, except a non-prescription drug, that contains plastic microbeads. Beginning 7/1/2023: bans the sale or offer for sale of a personal care product, except a non-prescription drug, that contains plastic microbeads and bans the manufacture of a non-prescription drug that contains plastic microbeads. Beginning 7/1/2024: bans the sale or offer for sale of a non-prescription drug that contains plastic microbeads. Specifically exempts rinse-off cosmetics and rinse-off cosmetics that are also non-prescription drugs regulated by the federal Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015.</p>	<p>AEN, CPN/JDC</p>
<p>SB 2054</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.</p> <p>Assesses a climate change mitigation impact fee on every customer who rents, leases, or utilizes a rental motor vehicle. Establishes a climate change mitigation special fund. Specifies that the impact fees collected shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund; provided that, beginning 7/1/2024, the impact fees shall be deposited to the credit of the climate change mitigation special fund.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2327</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with agricultural growers and researchers to develop and implement a program to safely distribute disease- and insect-free tropical plant materials to Hawaii farmers. Requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to specify the plant species and varieties that warrant additional regulations. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 368</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSION.</p> <p>Removes the limitation on specific types of wastewater systems to which cesspools must be upgraded or converted, and instead requires a cesspool to be upgraded or converted to a wastewater system approved by the department of health, prior to 1/1/2050.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair