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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 11, 2022
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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A G E N D A

SB 2556

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RELATING TO MILK PRODUCTION.
Repeals Chapter 157, commonly referred to as the Milk Control Act.

AEN, CPN/JDC

SB 2435

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL COST TAX CREDIT.
Clarifies that a taxpayer may claim the important agricultural land qualified agricultural cost tax credit no earlier than the third taxable year after application for first-year certification of the credit. Extends the time that the department of agriculture may certify the important agricultural land qualified agricultural costs tax credit from 12/31/2021 to 12/31/2031.

AEN, WAM

SB 2962

[Status &
Testimony](#)

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.

AEN, JDC/WAM

<u>SB 2947</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	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.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 3363</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for replacements to the water capturing system in the Hilo Water Treatment Plant to capture recycled water, natural gases, and fertilizer for agricultural purposes.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2353</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO FARMS. Creates an exclusion from income tax for the lesser of a percentage of gross annual income or an amount of gross annual income earned by a farmer from farming activities.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2357</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC. Extends the authorization to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc., with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2837</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS. Establishes a spay and neuter special fund and allows funds from an income tax check-off to be deposited into the special fund.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2950</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION FEES. Imposes an inspection fee on certain imported agricultural products to be deposited into a special fund and expended by the Department of Agriculture.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2988</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the control and mitigation of the two-lined spittlebug and for recovery efforts for lands damaged by the two-lined spittlebug. Requires a report to the Legislature.	AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair