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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 14, 2022  
TIME: 1:20 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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A G E N D A

<a href="#"><u>SB 3181</u></a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a local agriculture transportation cost reimbursement incentive program to be administered by the Department of Agriculture to reimburse eligible producers for a portion of the producer's costs to transport agricultural commodities. Appropriates moneys.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2944</u></a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Prohibits the use of important agricultural lands and lands with class A productivity ratings for waste disposal.	AEN, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 2972</u></a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND. Deposits revenue from the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Control Branch into the Animal Industry Special Fund and allows funds from the special fund to be expended to make laboratory improvements.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2974</u></a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Updates the membership of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides to replace representatives from the sugar and pineapple industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.	AEN, JDC
<a href="#"><u>SB 2969</u></a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AN AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY SPECIAL FUND. Establishes an Agriculture Emergency Special fund to provide loans to farmers and ranchers for disaster recovery.	AEN, WAM

<a href="#"><u>SB 2992</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the agriculture investment special fund to support local agricultural producers. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 2998</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO RECYCLING. Requires the department of health to implement the auditor's recommendations for the deposit beverage container program, including developing a risk-based selection process to select reports submitted by distributors and redemption centers for audit.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 3273</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. Establishes a department of environmental protection by July 1, 2026. Creates a department of environmental protection working group to address the logistics required for the State to establish a department of environmental protection. Requires the working group to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2025 regular session.	AEN, WAM
<a href="#"><u>SB 3364</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status &amp; Testimony</u></a>	RELATING TO COASTAL LANDS. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a five-year study on the coastal lands in the State that are affected by impending sea level rise. Appropriates funds for the study.	AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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