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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 316 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO DOGS. Establishes additional penalties for dog owners whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use.	AEN, JDC
SB 420 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the department of agriculture. Requires the working group to submit a plan, any recommendations for implementing the plan, and any proposed legislation to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group and develop the plan and for an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions to be employed by the department of agriculture.	AEN, WAM
SB 422 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. Makes a housekeeping amendment to section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete a reference to a repealed section.	AEN, JDC
SB 428 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. Requires each county to develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy. Requires each county to submit its respective plan and financial strategy to the Legislature.	AEN, WAM

<u>SB 430</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program and Hawaii Food Assistance Program Special Fund to alleviate food shortages in the State. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 445</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO POLLUTION ABATEMENT. Increases civil penalties for the violation of various pollution provisions. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health specialist position.	AEN, JDC/WAM
<u>SB 504</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. Beginning 12/31/2026, prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	AEN, CPN
<u>SB 511</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program to identify efficient agriculture equipment and retrofit engines to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards. Requires a report to the Legislature.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 520</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the farmer succession pilot program within the Department of Agriculture. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program and farmer apprentice mentoring program.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 635</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	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, A HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE, HEALTHY NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS, AND BEACHES. Proposes a constitutional amendment to ensure that the inherent and inalienable right of the people, including future generations, to clean water and air, a healthful environment and climate, healthy native ecosystems, and beaches, shall be protected and shall not be infringed.	AEN, JDC/WAM
<u>SB 647</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to extend the lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons.	AEN, JDC

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair