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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

HB 307, HD1 (HSCR849) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Allows the department of agriculture to extend the agricultural park 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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 606, HD1 (HSCR861) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING. Requires the department of agriculture, in collaboration with other state agencies, to develop and implement a plan by 7/1/2025 to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by non-profit food distribution services. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 607, HD2 (HSCR1177) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO TAXATION. Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who are farmers, or are producers of agricultural commodities, cooperatives, broad line distributors, or food hubs who ship products and agricultural goods between counties. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	AEN, WAM

<p><u>HB 608, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1158)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an organic foods production tax credit applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023. Sunsets 12/31/2033. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 609, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1113)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for its meat inspection program, including three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors to perform meat inspection services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 610, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1159)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes the farm workforce retention tax credit for farm employers or owners of farm employers who employ eligible farm employees. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 612, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1160)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Creates an income tax credit to alleviate the high costs of production for farmers, ranchers, and fishers and incentivize growth in the agricultural sector in the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 619, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR1161)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an income tax credit for qualified farms that donate eligible food products or prepared food to food banks or food pantries located in the State. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2026. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 690, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR1153)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the Hawaii agricultural investment program to support local agricultural producers. Requires annual reports. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 972, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR854)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND. Adds revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch as sources for the Animal Industry Special Fund and clarifies that the funds from the special fund may be expended to make laboratory improvements. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>HB 1248, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR855)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES. Appropriates funds to DOA for the continued administration of the Hawaii healthy food incentive program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM [Measure deleted on 03-10-23]</p>
<p><u>HB 1382, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR857)</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO MEAT DONATION. Provides for donation of wild game to under-resourced communities. Establishes a task force for development and implementation to expand meat processing capacity in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM [Measure deleted on 03-10-23]</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair