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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, March 15, 2023  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">HB 1248, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR855)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	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)	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">HB 1382, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR857)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	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)	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">HB 974, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1156)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a program specialist position within the department of agriculture and appropriates moneys to fund the position. Requires the grant specialist to prioritize assistance for farmers and ranchers who produce local food, at least some portion of which is consumed within the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM

<p><b><a href="#">HB 975, HD2</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR1060)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.          Clarifies the requirements for participation under the cover crop reimbursement pilot program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 1149, HD2</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR1115)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM.          Appropriates funds for positions and activities related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

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Senator Mike Gabbard  
 Chair

