

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2023
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 695 Status	RELATING TO FENCES. Allows the use of battery-charged security fences under certain circumstances.	AGR, CPC
HB 1269 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS. Amends the qualifications for food hubs located in agricultural districts.	AGR, CPC
HB 947 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a food manufacturer tax credit. Defines "qualified taxpayers" as manufacturers that produce valued-added products using local crops. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023.	AGR, FIN
HB 306 Status	RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.	AGR, FIN



[HB 1250](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MAMAKI TEA.
Imposes labeling requirements for mamaki tea grown in the State.
Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to administer the mamaki tea labeling requirements.

AGR, CPC, FIN

[HB 1295](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FARMS.
Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to provide grants to certain chicken farmers.

AGR, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

