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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

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| HB 970 Status | RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Makes technical changes to the statutory definitions of "agricultural enterprise lands" and "non-agricultural park lands" for clarification and consistency purposes. | AGR, JHA |
| HB 971 Status | RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Establishes the agricultural emergency loan revolving fund, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture, to fund Class D emergency loans. Provides a separate source of funding for agricultural emergency loans. Makes an appropriation. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 1182 Status | RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill a non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa agricultural park. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 443 Status | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the department of agriculture to establish a healthy soils program. Appropriates funds. | AGR, FIN |



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| HB 946 Status | RELATING TO THE FOOD SUPPLY. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to plan, design, construct, and operate a new animal slaughterhouse on the island of Oahu. Appropriates moneys. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 606 Status | RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING. Requires the department of agriculture, in collaboration with other state agencies, to develop and implement a plan 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 by 7/1/2024. Appropriates funds. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 609 Status | RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors to perform meat inspection services. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 692 Status | RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Increases administrative and criminal penalties for individuals who violate the Hawaii pesticides law. | AGR, JHA |
| HB 849 Status | RELATING TO ANIMALS. Prohibits a pet store operator from selling a dog, cat, or rabbit unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from certain humane sources. | AGR, JHA |
| HB 576 Status | RELATING TO FERAL CHICKEN MANAGEMENT. Requires the department of land and natural resources and department of agriculture to collaborate on feral chicken management projects. Appropriates funds. | AGR, FIN |
| HB 1513 Status | RELATING TO UNATTENDED ANIMALS IN MOTOR VEHICLES. Limits civil and criminal liability for persons who remove unattended animals from motor vehicles that are in physical danger if the actions are reasonable, in good faith, and in accordance with other requirements. | AGR, JHA |

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

