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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 637, SD1 (SSCR817) Status	RELATING TO HEMP. Amends hemp processing rules to allow licensed hemp farmers to process hemp in agricultural structures and buildings that are permit-exempt under section 46-88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as well as food hubs and agricultural parks, as was allowed prior to 2021. (SD1)	AGR, CPC
SB 516, SD1 (SSCR750) Status	RELATING TO HEMP. Requires that the identity statement used for labeling or advertising hemp products identify the percentage of Hawaii-grown hemp and hemp of other origins contained in hemp products. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, CPC
SB 655, SD1 (SSCR727) Status	RELATING TO HEMP. Gives authority to the Department of Agriculture to align state hemp production administrative rules with federal law, with regard to exemptions for fiber, fuel, and seed grain hemp crops. (SD1)	AGR, JHA



SB 1104, SD1 (SSCR797) Status	<p>RELATING TO CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE.</p> <p>Amends the definition of "cannabis" to include cannabis propagules, cuttings, and seeds. Defines "cannabis cutting" and "cannabis propagule". Allows qualifying patients and primary caregivers who are authorized to cultivate cannabis for medical use to purchase cannabis propagules, cuttings, and seeds from licensed dispensaries in the State under certain conditions. Establishes quantity limits and quality requirements for the dispensing of cannabis propagules, cuttings, and seeds. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules regarding the dispensing of cannabis propagules, cuttings, and seeds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, CPC</p>
SB 86, SD1 (SSCR909) Status	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates that expand the State's priority on food by increasing local food self-sufficiency and exports. Requires the Governor to submit the updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 430, SD2 (SSCR780) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM.</p> <p>Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program and Hawaii food assistance program special fund to alleviate food shortages in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 511, SD1 (SSCR1045) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 1588, SD2 (SSCR1030) Status	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a GroupGAP food safety training and certification program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 520, SD2 (SSCR942) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes the Farm Succession Pilot Program under Leeward Community College. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program and for the Department of Agriculture's Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 1268, SD1 (SSCR842) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.</p> <p>Makes technical changes to the statutory definitions of "agricultural enterprise lands" and "non-agricultural park lands" for clarification and consistency purposes. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, JHA</p>
SB 660, SD2 (SSCR766) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes the Healthy Soils program within the Department of Agriculture. Appropriates funds. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>



[SB 420, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR946\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.

AGR, FIN

Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the Department of Agriculture. Requires the working group to submit an interagency food systems 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 within the Department of Agriculture. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

