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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
TIME:      10:00 a.m.  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 325  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

<a href="#">SB 831, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1237)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Grants the Department of Agriculture the statutory power to acquire property for immediate or future use. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	WAL, AGR, FIN
<a href="#">SB 646, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR702)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii 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 ginger producers. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#">SB 652, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR1043)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Agriculture to mitigate and control infestations of the two-lined spittlebug, undertake recovery efforts for lands damaged by the two-lined spittlebug, and establish a five-year pilot program to mitigate and control the significant increase in the population of feral chickens, roosters, and pigs throughout the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN



<a href="#">SB 743, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR920)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL.</p> <p>Extends the sunset date for the coffee berry borer and coffee leaf rust pesticide subsidy program to 6/30/2025 and the program manager position, including the position's civil service and collective bargaining laws exemption, to 6/30/2026. Requires the Department of Agriculture to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the operation and implementation of the pesticide subsidy program. Effective 7/1/2050, provided that the appropriation shall take effect on 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 744, SD1</a> <a href="#">(SSCR1058)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.</p> <p>Requires the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to classify the fungal pathogen that causes coffee leaf rust as an invasive species in its administrative rules and to direct available funding for mitigation efforts, research, and prevention or control actions for coffee leaf rust. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 1552, SD2</a> <a href="#">(SSCR1027)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">SB 316</a> <a href="#">(SSCR730)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO DOGS.</p> <p>Establishes additional penalties for dog owners whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use.</p>	<p>AGR, JHA</p>

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates  
Chair

