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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
TIME: 3:07 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: HRE

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A G E N D A

[SB 1586](#)

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Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES.
Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish five
full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) extension specialist agent
positions at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
Resources.

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<p>SB 285</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.</p> <p>Establishes a three-year New Waste Management Solution and Cesspool System Demonstration Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to examine and demonstrate new wastewater and cesspool technology systems; implement those technologies in demonstration projects in areas across the State that are identified as Priority Level 1 in the 2021 Hawaii Cesspool Hazard Assessment and Prioritization Tool Report; and establish a similar ranking system for prioritization levels for the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Niihau. Requires the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) engineer position and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner position within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch to support approval of individual wastewater systems applications.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 518</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to contract with an independent consultant to establish a five-year plan to develop goals, objectives, and an operational plan with budgets and timelines to strengthen and grow the aquaculture industry in the State. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 646</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 648</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to establish and administer an aquaculture disease diagnostic laboratory. Appropriates funds for the laboratory. Establishes and appropriates funds for an aquaculture veterinarian position within the Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 663</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Appropriates funds for the establishment of an agriculture education coordinator position within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>
<p>SB 1488</p> <p>Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO LIVESTOCK.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in consultation with livestock industry stakeholders, to conduct a study to assess the effects of heat stress on beef cattle during interisland ocean transportation. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN/HRE, WAM</p>

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