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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2024
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 2419 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.	AEN, WAM
SB 2358 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to ensure its long-term viability and prevent future problems. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.	AEN, WAM
SB 2359 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Appropriates funding for the Hawaii Ant Lab to support little fire ant mitigation and eradication efforts.	AEN, WAM
SB 2411 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG. Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to mitigate and control the spread of the two-lined spittlebug and to fund recovery efforts for areas affected by it. Requires a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM

<p><u>SB 2559</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE PESTS.</p> <p>Establishes and appropriates funds for an invasive species placard program. Requires the department of agriculture to inspect certain establishments that are at risk of spreading invasive pests. Establishes correction and quarantine procedures.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM/CPN</p>
<p><u>SB 2560</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.</p> <p>Provides that each lease that the Department of Agriculture enters into, renews, or extends after the effective date of this Act shall authorize the Department to: (1) Enter the leased premises at any time to identify, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species; and (2) Terminate the lease if the lessee refuses the Department entry or is found in violation of any applicable law, rule, or order relating to the control or eradication of invasive species.</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p><u>SB 2424</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes within the Department of Agriculture a program specialist position. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Appropriates funds.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><u>SB 2361</u></p> <p><u>Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes two permanent full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) grant specialist positions within the department of agriculture and appropriates moneys to fund the positions.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair