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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, February 7, 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 2545

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RELATING TO RECYCLING.
Amends recycling goals under the Electronic Device Recycling and Recovering Act so that goals are based upon the manufacturer's overall market share in the State. Amends penalties and definitions.

AEN, CPN/JDC

SB 3329

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RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS.
Requires the disclosure of any little fire ant infestation as part of any sale of residential real property.

AEN, CPN

SB 2933

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE TO CLEAN WATER AND AIR, A HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE, HEALTHY NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS, AND BEACHES.
Proposes a constitutional amendment to ensure that the inherent and inalienable right of the people, including future generations, to clean water and air, a healthful environment and climate, healthy native ecosystems, and beaches, shall be protected and shall not be infringed.

AEN, JDC/WAM

SB 2961

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING.
Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature.

AEN, WAM

<p>SB 3025 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP. Repeals the requirement for additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. Clarifies that the Department of Agriculture will not require testing or sampling of hemp that duplicates testing and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture, but retain the authority to enforce other applicable state laws, such as Hawaii Pesticides Law.</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p>SB 3079 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. Amends section 269-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that the Public Utilities Commission shall consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on generation-based greenhouse gas emissions and may require a greenhouse gas emissions analysis for energy projects that do not result in generation-based greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>AEN, CPN</p>
<p>SB 3315 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Requires the Department of Agriculture to use consistent units of measurement in its summary to the public on the amounts of restricted use pesticides used. Establishes a one-half mile buffer zone for pesticides around schools and state and county public parks.</p>	<p>AEN, JDC/WAM</p>
<p>SB 3316 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Requires monthly rather than annual reporting of restricted use pesticides. Amends the contents of reports to include specific geospatial data and information, site information, and increased detail on the amount of restricted use pesticides used. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides.</p>	<p>AEN, CPN/WAM</p>
<p>SB 3365 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS. Requires the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed on soil, dirt, wood chips, compost, and filter socks. Authorizes the Department to establish fees. Places certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3247 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. Creates an income tax credit for transportation costs incurred by certain taxpayers who ship produce and agricultural goods between counties.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 3302 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION. For taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023, creates an income tax credit for qualified expenses of eligible farmers, ranchers, and fishers.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>SB 2814 Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. Directs the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the counties, to conduct a water infrastructure study for the State of Hawaii. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair