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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: Monday, March 11, 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

<a href="#">HB 2104, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR696-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2131, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR918-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2133, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR919-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes an invasive species grant pilot program to provide grants through DOA to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in Hawaii that is owned by the individual, business, or organization. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM
<a href="#">HB 2134, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR1003-24)</a> <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish grant specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AEN, WAM

<p><b><a href="#">HB 2136, HD2</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR920-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.  Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a pesticide inspection program to increase compliance with the proper use of restricted use pesticides by agricultural producers, ensure the continued prohibition on the use of chlorpyrifos, and inform the public of the most recent pesticide inspection results for agricultural producers. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, CPN/WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2139, HD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR1046-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.  Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement an invasive species inspection placard program to enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer and inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers. Appropriates funds to mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2390, HD2</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR907-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.  Requires the PUC to explicitly consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and gives the PUC the discretion to require a lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions assessment for energy projects that do not involve the combustion of fuel. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, CPN</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2590, HD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR699-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY.  Appropriates funds for food bank purchases from local farmers, to be expended by the Department of Agriculture via requests for proposals. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2619, HD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR700-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2546, HD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR923-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.  Allows for the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a registration program for purchasers of fine meshed nets in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2644, HD2</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR916-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS.  Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii ant lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p><b><a href="#">HB 2337, HD1</a></b>  <a href="#">(HSCR862-24)</a>  <a href="#">Status &amp; Testimony</a></p>	<p>RELATING TO PESTICIDES.  Replaces representatives from the sugar and pineapple industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair