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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, March 27, 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

SCR 52 / SR 40 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PERCENTAGES OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS BEING LEASED BY THE STATE THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR FARMING AND ACTIVELY BEING USED FOR FARMING PURPOSES AND CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNTS RELATING TO LEASE TRANSFERS.	AEN
SCR 53 / SR 41 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS CERTAIN ISSUES TO GUIDE ACTION AND PROGRESS IN THE AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, AND FOOD SYSTEMS INDUSTRIES OF THE STATE.	AEN
SCR 69 / SR 57 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP.	AEN
SCR 100 Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURE-RELATED ISSUES.	AEN

<p><u>SCR 105 / SR 87</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 129 / SR 111</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN INTERAGENCY FOOD SYSTEMS PLAN.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 132 / SR 114</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN FOR THE REMEDIATION OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) IN THE STATE.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 133 / SR 115</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING EVERY STATE AGENCY THAT MONITORS ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS AND POLLUTANTS TO FOLLOW CERTAIN PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MODIFICATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION LEVELS.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 178 / SR 154</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING THE STATE TO PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF BIOCONTROL AGENTS THAT MIGHT THREATEN ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT FORAGE GRASS SPECIES.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 191 / SR 163</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4-72, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, THAT PROVIDE IMPORTANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INSECTS, DISEASES, AND OTHER INVASIVE PESTS WITHIN THE STATE.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 192 / SR 164</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 220 / SR 196</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING THE HAWAII CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO INCREASE THE RECYCLING OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND TO EXPAND THE USAGE OF RECYCLED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.</p>	<p>AEN</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair