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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: Friday, February 2, 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 2414 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group. Requires a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Establishes an unspecified number of positions within the Department of Agriculture. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
SB 3027 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY. Requires the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, to update and supplement the 2020 strategic plan to increase Hawaii's food production and food security. Requires the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature 20 days prior to 2025 regular session. Appropriates funds.	AEN, WAM
SB 2479 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii farm to food bank program and Hawaii food assistance program special fund to alleviate food shortages in the State. Appropriates funds.	AEN, WAM
SB 2794 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for its meat inspection program, including one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) inspector program supervisor position and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors.	AEN, WAM

<u>SB 2412</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Establishes the Aquaculture Advisory Committee within the Department of Agriculture. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2083</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2423</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 3024</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Reduces and sets fixed interest rates for loans under the Agricultural Loan Program.	AEN, WAM
<u>SB 2106</u> <u>Status & Testimony</u>	RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION. Establishes the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act to allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions, upon registering with and receiving a permit from the Department of Health.	AEN, CPN/WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair