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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING

The hearing has been cancelled.

DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 1582 Status	RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS. Classifies neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides and establishes a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.	AGR, CPC
HB 1782 Status	RELATING TO HEMP. Makes a conforming amendment to allow the Department of Health, or its designee, to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for hemp processor permits.	AGR, JHA
HB 1815 Status	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Includes agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support businesses engaged in agritourism.	AGR, FIN



<u>HB 1937</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa and Pahoehoe agricultural parks.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1971</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Board of Agriculture to submit a report on the percentage of agricultural lands that are suitable for farming and actively farmed and certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2298</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION. Establishes a timeline by which roasted coffee, instant coffee, and ready-to-drink coffee beverages that use a geographic origin in labeling or advertising are required to contain a certain per cent coffee by weight from that geographic origin.	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 2329</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ROSE RINGED PARAKEETS. Establishes a one-year pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai using past research and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2025.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2537</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Imposes a penalty for knowingly selling invasive plants or plants containing invasive species.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB 2644</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS. Recognizes the Hawaii ant lab as the lead organization in addressing little fire ant infestations, with support of the department of agriculture, plant pest and disease control branch. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii ant lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

