

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
TIME: 10:15 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 2362, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2779\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER.
Appropriates moneys for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, FIN

[SB 3026](#)
[\(SSCR2872\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.
Replaces representatives from the sugar and pineapple industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.

AGR, CPC



HCR 162 / HR 141 / Status / Status	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR AGRICULTURAL CRIME PILOT PROJECT TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROSECUTING AGRICULTURAL CRIME CASES, INCLUDING THOSE OF AGRICULTURAL THEFT AND AGRICULTURAL VANDALISM, IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND COUNTY OF KAUAI.	AGR, FIN
HCR 23 / HR 13 / Status / Status	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.	AGR, FIN
HCR 24 / HR 14 / Status / Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CREATE A PLAN TO DEVELOP AN INVASIVE PESTS PLACARD PROGRAM AND ASSESS THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.	AGR, FIN
HCR 43 / HR 32 / Status / Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO STRENGTHEN FOOD SECURITY FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES IN HAWAII.	AGR, FIN
HCR 161 / HR 140 / Status / Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RELEVANT STATE LAWS GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.	AGR, FIN
HCR 189 / HR 169 / Status / Status	URGING THE STATE TO PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF BIOCONTROL AGENTS THAT MIGHT THREATEN ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT FORAGE GRASS SPECIES.	AGR
HCR 47 / HR 36 / Status / Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S FERAL CHICKEN POPULATION.	AGR, FIN
HCR 171 / HR 150 / Status / Status	REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO NOTIFY ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS OF DECEASED CATS AND DOGS THAT ARE PICKED UP ALONG STATE AND COUNTY ROADWAYS.	AGR

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

