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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 12, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SCR 29 (SSCR3428) Status	URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN.	AGR
SCR 52, SD1 (SSCR3518) 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
SCR 53, SD1 (SSCR3520) Status	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.	AGR, FIN



SCR 101 (SSCR3430) Status	URGING A TRANSITION TO A PLANT-BASED LIFESTYLE.	AGR, EEP
SCR 129, SD1 (SSCR3572) Status	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN INTERAGENCY FOOD SYSTEMS PLAN.	AGR, FIN
SCR 152 (SSCR3446) Status	REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS.	AGR
SCR 164, SD1 (SSCR3580) 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, VANDALISM, AND TRESPASS, IN THE STATE.	AGR, JHA
SCR 178 (SSCR3504) Status	URGING THE STATE TO PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF BIOCONTROL AGENTS THAT MIGHT THREATEN ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT FORAGE GRASS SPECIES.	AGR
SCR 191 (SSCR3502) Status	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.	AGR, CPC
SCR 192, SD1 (SSCR3516) Status	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PLANT PEST CONTROL BRANCH AND PLANT QUARANTINE BRANCH WITHIN THE PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

