

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2025
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

[HB 1449](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS.
Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules and
establishes administrative penalties to establish and enforce the plant
care component program. Appropriates funds and establishes positions
for purposes of the plant care component program.

AGR, JHA, FIN

[HB 859](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Establishes an agricultural crime prevention program within the
Department of Agriculture to provide grants, education, administrative
enforcement, and other services for the benefit of the State's
agricultural industry. Clarifies, creates, and strengthens laws regarding
crimes and violations related to agriculture or agricultural lands and
hunting on private agricultural lands. Establishes clear distinctions
between administrative and criminal penalties. Appropriates funds.

AGR, JHA, FIN

[HB 1323](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF NON-AGRICULTURAL
PARK LANDS.
Requires the Department of Agriculture to accept the transfer of and
manage certain qualifying non-agricultural park lands.

AGR, WAL, JHA



HB 912 Status	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Appropriates funds to offset the debt for the Waiahole Water System.	AGR, WAL, FIN
HB 1006 Status	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Includes agricultural tourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support farming businesses engaged in agricultural tourism.	AGR, TOU, JHA
HB 1334 Status	RELATING TO MEAT DONATION. Exempts the donation of wild game meat, including axis deer, to a charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization to needy persons from certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of meat.	AGR, HLT, JHA
HB 1291 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Extends the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false-labeling of Hawaii-grown roasted coffee.	AGR, CPC, JHA
HB 534 Status	RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS. Prohibits the sale of raw ahi and raw ahi products in retail establishments without a label that states the country where the ahi was landed.	AGR, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

