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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
TIME: 9:30 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 1337](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ENDEMIC PLANTS.
Requires the University of Hawaii to establish an endemic plant seed
bank pilot program to preserve and promote the planting of plant
species that are endemic to Hawaii.

AGR, HED, FIN

[HB 1184](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO CONTROLLED-ENVIRONMENT
AGRICULTURE.
Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates
funds for the development of a controlled-environment agriculture
research and demonstration facility at the Magoon research and
teaching site in Manoa, Oahu.

AGR, HED, FIN

[HB 1185](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Establishes a Plant-based Building Materials Working Group to study
and report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based
building materials in Hawaii. Appropriates funds.

AGR, HED, FIN



[HB 530](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE LABELING OF MACADAMIA NUTS.
Specifies that the macadamia nut labeling requirements apply if the applicable products are produced in whole or in part from Hawaii-grown and Hawaii-processed macadamia nuts. Effective 1/2/2026.

AGR, CPC, FIN

[HB 547](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS.
Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation and the reproduction of free-roaming cats and various revenue and fundraising sources for the special fund.

AGR, CAA, FIN

[HB 719](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS.
Prohibits the sale, offer, possession with intent to sell, display, distribution, or trade of fur products in the State, with certain exceptions. Establishes civil penalties for violations. Effective 6/30/2025.

AGR, CPC, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

