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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 7, 2025
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 693, SD1 (SSCR703) Status	RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM. Appropriates funds for the continued implementation of the Food Hub Pilot Program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
SB 552, SD1 (SSCR683) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
SB 1186, SD2 (SSCR687) Status	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and the Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Requires reports to the Legislature. (SD2)	AGR, ECD, FIN
SB 448, SD1 (SSCR778) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire a conservation easement in Central Oahu. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN



[SB 1547, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR788\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ALOUN KAUAI FARMING, AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE, IN THE FINANCE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PROJECT TO REVITALIZE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

AGR, FIN

Authorizes the Department of Budget and Finance to issue special purpose revenue bonds to assist Aloun Kauai Farming, LLC, in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an integrated dairy industry. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

[SB 1023, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR723\)](#)
[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. Establishes various revenue and fundraising sources for the special fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, CAA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

