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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 14, 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

SB 1185, SD1 (SSCR849) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes within the Department of Agriculture a working group to review and make recommendations on amending or repealing unnecessary or obsolete laws pertaining to agriculture. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
SB 1582 (SSCR810) Status	RELATING TO THE COCONUT TREE. Recognizes the coconut palm as an official, sustainable staple food source in the State.	AGR, JHA
SB 140, SD2 (SSCR745) Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Prohibits the importation, transportation, or sale of firewood within the State, except for firewood that is certified and labeled as heat-treated. Establishes certain exemptions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, CPC
SB 1304, SD2 (SSCR831) Status	RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, FIN



[SB 301, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR859\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DOGS.

AGR, JHA

Establishes an additional penalty for a dog owner whose dog destroys property while on land zoned for agricultural use. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD1)

[SB 1022, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR996\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT.

AGR, JHA

Allows law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet animal that is endangered by being left or confined in an unattended vehicle. Allows private citizens to rescue a pet animal that has been left in an unattended vehicle under certain circumstances. (SD2)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

