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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 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

[SB 659, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1190\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
Exempts from the electronic procurement system the Department of Education's purchase of fresh local agricultural products and local value-added processed, agricultural, or food products not exceeding a certain amount, subject to certain requirements. Requires the Department of Education to establish guidelines for determining a geographic preference for locally sourced products. Exempts the Department of Education from the requirement that certain agricultural products are subject to the Hawaii Public Procurement Code. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EDN, AGR, FIN



[SB 125, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1238\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES.
Amends the definition of "eligible business activity" for State Enterprise Zone Program purposes to include retail sales of tangible personal property manufactured and sold in the enterprise zone to the final consumer, the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone, the provision of professional services by health care professionals in health-care-related sectors, the use of advanced manufacturing to produce products, or the development of cybersecurity technology. Extends the eligibility period of the state business tax credit and general excise tax exemption for qualified businesses within state enterprise zones from 7 years to 9 years. Extends the eligibility period of the general excise tax exemption for qualified businesses within state enterprise zones engaged in the manufacturing of tangible personal property or the producing or processing of agricultural products from 10 years to 12 years. Makes the extension of the state business tax credit eligibility period applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025. Makes the extension of the general excise tax exemption eligibility period take effect on 1/1/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

ECD, AGR, FIN

[SB 739, SD2, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1266\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE.
Allows the Governor to negotiate land exchanges, subject to approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, to acquire lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange for land for private affordable, workforce, or other housing development. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, AGR, FIN

[SB 1099, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR1264\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.
Authorizes the Land Use Commission to designate county or state lands as important agricultural lands, and adopt maps for the designated lands, in counties that fail to identify and recommend important agricultural lands by 12/31/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, AGR, JHA

[SB 1250, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR1040\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES.
Establishes the Hawaii Farm to Families Program to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature prior to the Regular Sessions of 2026 and 2027. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

