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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #3

[HB 307, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR722\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.
Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to recognize the island of Kaho‘olawe. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

CAA, JHA, FIN

[HB 531, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR608\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.
Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to recognize the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

CAA, HED, FIN



HB 1025, HD1 (HSCR509) Status	RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, INC. Designates the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc., as the State of Hawaii Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc. Exempts general fund appropriations to the State of Hawaii Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West, Inc from the requirements of chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	CAA, FIN
HB 110, HD1 (HSCR394) Status	RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. Modifies certain benchmark goals and timeline for the Department of Education to provide locally-sourced agricultural and food products. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, AGR, FIN
HB 1365, HD1 (HSCR603) Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for a Non-Potable Water Wells Pilot Program to prepare an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa Agricultural Park and Panaewa farm lots. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EEP/AGR, FIN
HB 428, HD1 (HSCR390) 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 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
HB 496, HD2 (HSCR676) Status	RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA. Prohibits the use of certain words on the label of a consumer package that contains or includes tea or dried leaves from the plant Pipturus albidus, unless one hundred per cent of the tea or dried leaves were grown in the State. Appropriates funds for a Measurement Standard Inspector position. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 534, HD2 (HSCR785) Status	RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS. Prohibits the sale of any processed food item with raw ahi product as an ingredient in retail establishments without a label that states the country where the ahi was landed. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 774, HD2 (HSCR560) Status	RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS. Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, ECD, FIN
HB 984, HD1 (HSCR639) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Updates the agricultural loan program by lowering interest rates, increasing and standardizing loan limits, and reducing the number of credit denials. Includes food hubs as an eligible entity for Class E loans. Authorizes the agricultural loan program to issue lines of credit. Creates a new class of loans to encourage large scale agriculture of import replacement crops grown for the farm to state program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN



<u>HB 858, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR640)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS. Requires the Department of Agriculture to revitalize and enhance the agricultural statistics program to collect data on local agricultural interests. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 773, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR397)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for grant specialist positions to assist farmers and ranchers in meeting the requirements to receive grants offered by the United States Department of Agriculture, State, counties, or private entities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 782, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR399)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1450, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR434)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE RESILIENCY. Establishes a three-year climate-resilient food systems grant pilot program, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1185, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR610)</u> <u>Status</u>	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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB 1497, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR642)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticide reporting. Appropriates funds to convert temporary environmental health specialist III positions into permanent positions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 427, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR739)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Part I: Renames the Department of Agriculture to the "Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity". Renames the Board of Agriculture to the "Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity". Part II: Establishes and appropriates funds for a Deputy Director of Biosecurity. Part III: Changes references to the plant and animal declaration form to the "biosecurity form". Part IV: Authorizes and specifies conditions under which the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms. Broadens the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program. Part V: Appropriates funds for positions for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1237, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR636)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for agricultural biosecurity and the prevention, detection, and control of invasive species in Maui County. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN



[HB 643, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR438\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM.

AGR, HED, FIN

Establishes short-term management initiatives for the coconut rhinoceros beetle response program. Appropriates funds for activities and positions related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

[HB 1449, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR719\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS.

AGR, JHA, FIN

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules related to the plant care component program. Prohibits distributing plant care components that originated outside the State unless it was subjected to treatment before arrival. Establishes administrative penalties to enforce the plant care component program. Appropriates funds and establishes positions for purposes of the plant care component program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Chair



