

THE SENATE
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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
TIME: 1:01pm
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: AEN

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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SB 678 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund. Requires a portion of the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to be deposited into the special fund. Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture in an amount equal to three per cent of the State Budget.	AEN, WAM
SB 496 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Board of Agriculture to define the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity". Requires a report to the Legislature.	AEN, WAM
SB 245 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND. Beginning 1/1/2026, prohibits certain entities from owning, purchasing, or acquiring ownership of agricultural lands.	AEN, JDC/WAM
SB 329 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION. Requires at least fifty per cent of treatment works effluent to be R-1 recycled water by January 1, 2045. Amends the year by which no treated or raw sewage shall be discharged into state waters.	AEN, WAM
SB 681 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX. Repeals the exemption to the general excise tax for agricultural businesses engaged in the production of genetically engineered agricultural products.	AEN, WAM

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6830.

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