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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 14, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 48, HD2 (HSCR1049) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING. Clarifies the labeling and advertising requirements for coffee that is grown and processed in the State. Defines "regional origin". Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AEN, CPN
HB 782, HD1 (HSCR874) Status & Testimony	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)	AEN, WAM
HB 980, HD1 (HSCR825) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO ANIMALS. Amends the law authorizing the killing of mongoose by clarifying the circumstances under which mongoose may be killed and authorizing feral chickens to be killed under certain circumstances. (HD1)	AEN, JDC
HB 1237, HD1 (HSCR877) Status & Testimony	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)	AEN, WAM
SCR 88 / SR 71 Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A MICROBIAL ALGAE SOIL PRODUCTS PILOT PROGRAM.	AEN

<p><u>SCR 91 / SR 74</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION AND SUPPORT POLICIES THAT SAFEGUARD INDIVIDUALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR LIVESTOCK AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS UNDER THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR CARE BY AMENDING THE STATE'S SELF-DEFENSE LAWS TO DEPRIORITIZE THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 93 / SR 76</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE TO WORK TOWARDS A JUST CLIMATE FUTURE BY INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTO POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES RELATED TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION, CLIMATE MITIGATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 94 / SR 77</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>MAUI AXIS DEER CONTROL AND VENISON INITIATIVE.</p>	<p>AEN</p>
<p><u>SCR 103 / SR 84</u> <u>Status & Testimony / Status & Testimony</u></p>	<p>REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE EXISTENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND OTHER RELATED CHEMICALS.</p>	<p>AEN</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair