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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB92 HD1**

[HB 48](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING.
Clarifies the labeling and advertising requirements for coffee that is grown and processed in the State. Defines regional origin.

AGR, CPC

[HB 222, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR9\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW.
Amends the definition of "employee" in Hawaii's wage and hour law by excluding individuals who are primarily engaged in the range production of livestock. Effective July 1, 3000. (HD1)

LAB, AGR, FIN

[HB 783](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO IRRIGATION.
Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to finance capital improvement projects for irrigation systems.

AGR, FIN



<u>HB 685</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the purchase of a land parcel in Kau for agricultural development.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 915, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR124)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WATER USE. Authorizes the Board of Agriculture to investigate and survey the availability of nonpotable water. Authorizes the Commission on Water Resource Management, as a condition for issuing permits, to require the use of dual line water supply systems in new residential and mixed-use developments located in designated water management areas. Authorizes those residential and mixed-use developments to be included in irrigation projects, as defined in chapter 167, HRS. Requires the Department of Health, Board of Agriculture, and counties to update their rules, ordinances, to allow dual line water supply systems in residential and mixed-use developments. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	WAL, AGR, JHA
<u>HB 858</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS. Establishes the agricultural statistics program in statute. Appropriates funds for the program.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1497</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.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1294, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR214)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG, AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1427, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR187)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA. Appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture to prevent, monitor, and respond to avian influenza in Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HLT, AGR, FIN
<u>HB 365</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Prohibits certain octopus aquaculture.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB 319</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Exempts from the crime of cruelty to animals in the second degree the extermination of insects, vermin, and pests, and the extermination of feral chickens on private property by the property owner; provided that the extermination is conducted in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture. Requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, concerning the humane extermination of insects, vermin, pests, and feral chickens.	AGR, JHA



[HB 92, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR312\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Includes agricultural businesses as a qualified high technology business to receive tax credits for certain research activities. (HD1)

AGR, FIN

[HB 299, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR146\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.
Appropriates funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to ensure their long-term viability and continue to control and eradicate invasive species in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, AGR, FIN

[HB 1237](#)
[Status](#)

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.

AGR, FIN

[HB 775](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY.
Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for permanent positions in agricultural biosecurity established by Act 231, SLH 2024.

AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

