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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
TIME: 9:00 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 177, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR937\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.
Authorizes the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal rules to develop an assessment and approval process to import and move aquatic livestock in the State. Requires the Aquaculture Program to develop a biological aquatic risk-based framework and biocontainment standards for the aquatic livestock assessment and approval process. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, CPC, FIN

[SB 890, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR826\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION.
Requires any products labeled, marketed, or sold as "poi" to contain a label stating whether the poi product is made wholly ingredients grown in the State or from ingredients sourced outside the State. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR, ECD, CPC

[SB 1276, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR1064\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Extends the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes a \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false-labeling of Hawaii-grown roasted coffee. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, CPC, JHA



<u>SB 763, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR883)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. Establishes the Agricultural Enforcement Program within the Department of Law Enforcement. Establishes the Agricultural Enforcement Special Fund. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>SB 1249, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR927)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes an agricultural crime prevention program within the Department of Agriculture to provide grants, education, administrative enforcement, and other services for the benefit of the State's agricultural industry. Clarifies, creates, and strengthens laws regarding crimes and violations related to agriculture or agricultural lands and hunting on private agricultural lands. Establishes clear distinctions between administrative and criminal penalties. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>SB 1257, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR928)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CRIME. Establishes an Agricultural Crimes Task Force to address the issue of agricultural crime in the State. Establishes the offense of agricultural crime to increase penalties for property crimes committed on agricultural property. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>SB 328, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR756)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes an income tax credit for capital infrastructure costs incurred in the conversion of a dairy farm to a hog farm. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, ECD, FIN
<u>SB 558, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR759)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS. Establishes a Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates funds for food and product development or innovation facilities in the County of Maui and on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, ECD, FIN
<u>SB 1541, SD1</u> <u>(SSCR949)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE WAIHAOLE WATER SYSTEM. Appropriates funds for the Waiahole Water System for bond debt service and tunnel repair. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>SB 1657, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR1022)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Authorizes the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire by condemnation any real property or interest in real property for the purposes of Chapter 163D, HRS. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to make a determination that the property is necessary for the corporation's immediate or future use. Prohibits real property acquired by condemnation from being subsequently transferred or taken for any other public use without the consent of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>SB 746, SD2</u> <u>(SSCR838)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes a 2-year coconut rhinoceros beetle eradication pilot program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources that incentivizes community members to collect and submit the coconut rhinoceros beetle and its larvae for compensation. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. (SD2)	AGR, WAL, FIN



[SB 562, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR892\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
Establishes a Plant Nursery Registry Program to regulate the sale of nursery stock. Requires certain plant nurseries to register with the Department of Agriculture. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR, JHA, FIN

[SB 252, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR987\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
Clarifies that the importation of any item or material infested or infected with an insect or other animal, disease, or other pest is prohibited. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to inspect any item imported or moved into the State from another part of the continental United States or between the Hawaiian Islands. Prohibits the sale of merchandise that a seller knows is infested or infected with a pest. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to compel the quarantine, treatment, or destruction of certain materials. Clarifies penalties for violations. Effective 4/23/2057. (SD2)

AGR, JHA, FIN

[SB 1100, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR887\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.
Renames the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Department). Establishes a Deputy Chairperson for Biosecurity. Requires the Department to establish an emergency response team to respond to biosecurity events. Authorizes the Department to establish transitional facilities. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to license and train biosecurity inspectors to inspect imported plants and animals. Requires inspection of various items transported interisland. Increases penalties for illegally transporting plants, animals, and microorganisms. Requires the Department to establish government-industry agreements to detect and respond to unwanted organisms in Hawaii. Authorizes pest management plans to address, contain, or eradicate pests. Transfers the Hawaii Invasive Species Council from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department. Authorizes the Department to adopt rules to establish and enforce the Plant Care Component Program. Authorizes the Department to assess administrative penalties for the enforcement of the program. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD2)

AGR, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa
Chair

