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REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025
TIME: 3:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 663 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES. Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish eight full-time equivalent (8.0 FTE) agricultural technician positions and four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) community coordinator positions.	HRE, WAM
SB 666 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Converts two temporary farm-to-school extension agent positions within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources into permanent positions. Establishes an agriculture education coordinator position. Appropriates funds.	HRE, WAM
SB 672 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for a capital improvement project for the repair, maintenance, and demolition of buildings at the Waimanalo Research Station.	HRE, WAM
SB 865 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish a permanent Educational Support Associate position within the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Kona Cooperative Extension.	HRE, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair