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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

TIME:

11:00a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 772

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

Establishes a fee for the inspection of invasive species at state ports of entry. Establishes the invasive species inspection, quarantine, and

eradication fund.

HB 773

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES FUNDING.

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Earmarks a portion of the airport landing fee and the harbor port entry, dockage, and wharfage fees for invasive species control and

prevention.

HB 899

RELATING TO INTEGRATED STRATEGIES FOR STATEWIDE FOOD AND ENERGY CROP PRODUCTION.

Appropriates funds for the Center for Conservation Research and Training at UH to develop best practices consistent with comprehensive agricultural management strategies to facilitate sustainable production of crops through long-term enhancement of soil quality using ecologically responsible means. Implements a pilot project demonstrating integrated strategies to enhance soil fertility for the production of clean energy feedstocks (agricultural crops used as the raw materials for biofuels or biomass-to-electricity production) and food crops. Establishes mechanisms by which stakeholders can work collaboratively in the development of best practices and to educate the public about sustainable agriculture issues faced by the state.

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HB 1638

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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Establishes the Hawaii invasive species special fund that is funded by airport landing fees and harbor fees to finance the fight against

invasive species.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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