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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

MONDAY, February 26, 2007

TIME:

11:00 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA#2</u>

HB 1114

HD1 (HSCR607) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Amends agribusiness development corporation law to refocus and direct the role of the corporation to one of taking control of infrastructure from closing large crop plantation operations and converting the infrastructure for use by multiple diversified agricultural enterprises. Removes department of agriculture's oversight of the corporation. Restores procurement code exemption to agribusiness

development corporation.

HB 337

HD1 (HSCR378) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Authorizes the agribusiness development corporation to use revenue bonds to purchase agricultural land, including in Kunia or Ewa, or both, on Oahu. Appropriates funds to purchase the Kunia/Ewa lands.

Enables the agribusiness development corporation to contract with banks to provide lease management services. Allows the agribusiness development corporation to lease agricultural lands in Kunia/Ewa for

up to 55 years.

HB 119

(HSCR487)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SYSTEMS.

Allows agribusiness development corporation to acquire agricultural water systems to provide water for irrigation of agricultural lands.

HB 780

(HSCR461)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Requires department of agriculture to reimburse agricultural water user who pays county agriculture water rates the difference between the rate

they paid and the rate charged by the state irrigation systems.

HB 715

HD1 (HSCR560) MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF

WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE ON LANAI.

Appropriates funds for the creation of a Lanai agriculture industry by providing funds for the purchase of water by the Lanai farmers.

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HB 400

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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(HSCR418)

Appropriates \$4,000,000 for drought mitigation projects in each

county.

HB 399

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

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(HSCR426)

Makes an appropriation to the Hawaii Association of Conservation

Districts for the operation of the soil and water conservations districts.

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