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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, February 2 2007

TIME:

9:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA</u>

HB 257

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WLH/AGR

Imposes conditions on the subdivision of lands in the agricultural district. Limits county zoning power in agricultural district. Requires special permit for land in rural district to require approval of land use

commission.

HB 615

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WLH/AGR

Prohibits counties from permitting uses in the agricultural district other than permissible uses pursuant to section 205-4.5 (land use law;

permissible uses in agricultural district).

HB 1901

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WLH/AGR

(1) Sets forth permissible uses on important agricultural lands; (2) Requires counties to adopt by ordinance permissible uses and

infrastructure standards within rural and urban districts; and

(3) Makes comprehensive amendments to land use law to improve use

of rural and agricultural lands.

HB 1922

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

WLH/AGR

Expedites the designation of important agricultural lands by the land use commission by eliminating the landowner/farmer process and the county process, and allowing the land use commission to initiate the designation process and allowing landowners to petition the land use commission for designation. Allows the landowner petition for important agricultural land designation to take effect without the legislative enactment of incentive/protection legislation. Removes the county from the special permit process.

HB 1223

RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

WLH/AGR, FIN

Restricts the permitted uses on important agricultural lands [IAL] to: cultivation of crops; game & fish propagation; raising of livestock; farm dwellings related to farming & animal husbandry; worker housing; necessary institutions and buildings; utility lines & roadways, transformer stations, communications equipment buildings, solid waste stations, water storage tanks and appurtenant small buildings; improvements to historic, scenic or cultural sites; roadside stands; buildings directly accessory to permitted uses; Ag parks; Ag tourism activities secondary to the principal Ag use; bio-fuels processing

facilities.

HB 408

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

WLH/AGR, JUD

Prohibits any industrial, commercial, or residential development or infrastructure serving the development within one thousand feet from

the property line of any farming operation.

HB 1269

RELATING TO LAND USE.

WLH/AGR

Specifies that agricultures may be a permitted use in rural districts and that other activity and uses may be allowed including clustered

development and rural towns.

HB 402

RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND.

WLH/AGR, FIN

Allows the Land Conservation Fund to acquire interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State through agricultural easements. Specifies that the Land Conservation Fund can be used for the payment of debt service relating to the acquisition of interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State.

HB 407

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WATER.

WLH/AGR, JUD

Incorporates into the Water Code, consideration of the water needs of

Important Agricultural Lands.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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