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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HE WAIIAN ATTAIRS 16 P5:14

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

TIME:

2:15 pm

PLACE:

Conference Room 414

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 408 HD2

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

WAH, IGM

(HSCR1136)

Prohibits any industrial, commercial, or residential dev lopment or feet from the infrastructure serving the development within

property line of any parcel on which bona fide farming operations have years prior to the development. (HB408 been conducted for at least

HD2)

HB 1114

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

WAH, WAM

HD2 (HSCR1012) 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. (HB1114 HD2)

HB 1220 HD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL MARKETING. Establishes a special fund to collect revenues from the Hawaii Seal of WAH, WAM

Quality program. (HB1220 HD1) (HSCR1123)

HB 1221

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

WAH, WAM

HD2 (HSCR1014)

Creates a livestock revitalization program to reimburse poultry, hog, and dairy farms for feed expenses. Appropriates unspecified sums in each year of the fiscal biennium for the program. (HB1221 HD2)

HB 1219 (HSCR843) RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOANS. Increases the amount of money for agricultural loans and aquacultural

loans that the chairperson may approve from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

WAH, WAM

HB 1222 HD2 (HSCR1095) RELATING TO LOANS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND

AQUACULTURE PURPOSES.

Increases aquaculture loan limits for Class A & B loans to \$800,000. Reduces credit denial requirements of the aquacultural loan program to

more closely conform to the agricultural loan program. Creates a Class E loan program for new aquaculturists. Repeals the aquaculture loan revolving fund and makes the agricultural loan revolving fund the funding source for aquaculture loans. Combines the existing aquaculture loan revolving fund expenditure ceiling with the

agricultural loan revolving fund expenditure ceiling. (HB1222 HD2)

HB 1628 HD1

RELATING TO HAWAII MACADAMIA NUT PRODUCT LABELING.

WAH, CPH

WAH, WAM

(HSCR872)

Requires products with labels representing that a portion of the

macadamia nuts in the package was grown in Hawaii, to specify the percentage of Hawaiian-grown macadamia nuts. Prohibits labeling that incorrectly represents that any of the macadamia nuts contained in

the package were grown in Hawaii. (HB1628 HD1)

HB 1640 (HSCR840) RELATING TO PERMITS.

WAH, WAM

Requires the Department of Health to establish and implement procedures to give priority processing of permit applications and renewals for agricultural processing facilities that process crops or livestock from an agri-business with a majority of the lands held, owned, or used by the agri-business identified and designated as

important agricultural lands.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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