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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

THURSDAY, February 21, 2008

TIME:

11:30 A.M.

PLACE:

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA#3

HB 3034

(HSCR276-08)

Status

RELATING TO MILK

Ensures that the remaining Hawaii dairy producers are paid a price

commensurate with the quality of the milk they produce.

(Email Testimony)

HB 3120, HD1

(HSCR324-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

HB 3033

(HSCR492-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO ANIMAL QUARANTINE FACILITIES.

Specifies that animal quarantine property or facilities that are leased or rented shall be leased or rented at a minimum of fifty per cent of fair

market value. Restricts the use of these facilities for animal welfare and agricultural purposes only.

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS

Grants the Department of Agriculture authority to require advance written notification of arrival of articles transported to the State or from one island within the State to another as freight, air freight, baggage, or otherwise, for the purpose of debarkation. Broadens the

range of articles subject to advance notification and possible inspection to include non-agricultural articles capable of harboring pests. Corrects an error that occurred in Act 64, SLH 2005, regarding import of restricted articles so as to be consistent with other parts of the

statute.

HB 3310 (HSCR322-08)

Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

Appropriates funds for a grant to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

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HB 3425, HD1 (HSCR562-08) Status

RELATING TO TARO

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Appropriates funds for statewide taro research that focuses on the apple snail problem.

(Email Testimony)

(Email Testimony)

HB 2843, HD1

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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(HSCR559-08) Status

Expands the items subject to the inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee (inspection fee) to include any freight, including air freight or other means of transporting freight; makes the existing inspection fee applicable to marine commercial containers and blanks out the amount of the fee; establishes that freight transported into the state that is not in a container shall be assessed an inspection fee

pursuant to rules.

HB 2977, HD1

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

AGR, FIN

(HSCR561-08)

Status

Requires the Hawaii invasive species council, in the coqui frog

eradication plan, to give priority to eradicating coqui frogs that are on

state or county land and within one mile of residential areas.

(Email Testimony)

HB 2261, HD1

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

AGR/EEP, FIN

(HSCR558-08) Status

Includes farm sustainable projects in the existing agricultural loan program, and aquaculture sustainable projects in the existing

aquacultural loan program.

(Email Testimony)

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