THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

TIME: 2:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS. AHW, JDL SB 2955 Grants the Department of Agriculture authority to require advance Testimony 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. SB 3042 RELATING TO ANIMAL QUARANTINE FACILITIES. AHW, WAM Allows the Department of Agriculture to negotiate the lease rent for **Testimony** use of the Animal Quarantine Station located in Halawa Valley on Oahu. SB 2895 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER. AHW, JDL Adds horses to the list of animals designated as pet animals under the Testimony law pertaining to offenses relating to cruelty to animals. SB 2518 **RELATING TO TARO** AHW, WAM Provides a grant for taro research, laboratory costs, and outreach for **Testimony** the control of the invasive apple snail. SB 2905 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AHW, WAM Appropriates funds for a study by the legislative reference bureau on **Testimony** the effect of regulations of Kona coffee blends. RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES. AHW, WAM SB 2516 Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the planning **Testimony** and design of a reservoir in Upcountry Maui to serve both agricultural and residential water needs.

SB 2520 Testimony	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EAST KAUAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM. Appropriates funds for the operation and maintenance of the East Kauai irrigation system.	AHW, WAM
SB 2643 Testimony	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes general obligation bond funds to be deposited into the irrigation repair and maintenance special fund for repair and maintenance of certain irrigation systems, and for additional personnel to improve irrigation system management.	AHW, WAM
SB 2645 Testimony	RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION. Appropriates funds for drought mitigation projects in each county of the state.	AHW, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways at least 24 hours prior to the hearing:

- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 218, State Capitol.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.
- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Legislature's Public Access Room at testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov. Please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

Please note: Documents made available through the Testimony hyperlink(s) above may not be posted until the start of the hearing.

<u>Public Folder</u>. A folder labeled "Public Folder" containing the measures and testimonies for the hearing will be available for shared use by members of the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 587-7215.

Senator Jill Tokuda Chair

