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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, March 04, 2009

TIME:

9:00am

PLACE:

Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1663 (HSCR573) RELATING TO TARO SECURITY.

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Status

Prohibits the development, testing, propagation, release, importation, planting, or growing of genetically modified taro in the State of

Hawaii.

HB 1226 Status

RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANT

ORGANISMS.

Preempts certain state administrative regulatory actions and county regulatory actions relating to genetically modified plant organisms. Excepts from the preemption any county ordinance that took effect before 01/01/09 and made unlawful certain actions relating to particular species of genetically modified plant organisms. Excepts also from the preemption any state administrative regulatory action or county regulatory action that bans, restricts, or otherwise regulates the growing of genetically modified taro.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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