THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice-Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

TIME: 2:50 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

<u>HB1947 HD2</u> (HSCR754-12) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGL, WAM

Status and Testimony

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish an Agricultural Safety and Security Program. Requires, under the program, DOA to conduct audit and certification services. Specifies that the Program is voluntary for producers. Requires the charge of fees and expenses. Establishes an Agricultural Practices Audit and Certification Revolving Fund for the Program. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1947 HD2)

HB2668 HD2 (HSCR943-12) Status and Testimony RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGL, WAM

Amends the important agricultural land qualified agricultural cost tax credit to allow an additional fifteen per cent credit for drought mitigation and change the tax credit cap from \$7,500,000 per year to \$5,000,000 per year for the 2012 tax year and \$7,000,000 per year for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 tax years. Creates a livestock feed tax credit for 2012. Creates livestock feed development tax credit program from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2014. (HB2668 HD2)

HB280 HD1 (HSCR755-12) Status and Testimony

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGL, WAM

Removes the requirement that all Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be inspected and certified by the Department of Agriculture unless otherwise specified by rules of the Department. Removes the requirement that no Hawaii-grown green coffee beans shall be shipped outside the area of their geographic origin unless they have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture. (HB280 HD1)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If a measure is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

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