HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

RECEIVED

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Clift Tsuji, Chair

2012 FEB -3 P 12: 10

Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Karen L. Awana Rep. Tom Brower Rep. Isaac W. Choy

Rep. James Kunane Tokioka Rep. Barbara C. Marumoto

Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto

Rep. Cindy Evans

Rep. Gil Riviere

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

TIME: PLACE: 9:00am

Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1940

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURE INSPECTORS.

AGR, FIN

Status

Appropriates funds from the agriculture development and food security special fund to fund plant quarantine inspectors and support staff.

HB 2860

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, JUD

<u>Status</u>

Expands the definition of "agricultural land" to include properties under or equal to four acres that are used primarily for farming operations that produce an annual taxable revenue in excess of

\$100,000.

HB 1949

RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS.

AGR, WLO

Status

Exempts specified nonresidential agricultural and aquacultural buildings and structures, and their appurtenances, located on commercial farms from building permit requirements other than applicable electric and wastewater regulations. Effective

HB 2150

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

AGR, WLO/EEP

Status

Authorizes the use of photovoltaic systems producing energy solely for use by the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold owner of the

property in agricultural districts.

HB 2424 Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDING PERMITS.

AGR, WLO

Exempts from county building permits buildings or structures located on commercial farms or ranches used for general agricultural or

aquacultural operations.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

DECISION MAKING ONLY

The following bill is for decision-making purpose only to insert substantive provisions into the short form bill. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date, at which time testimony will be accepted.

HB 280

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR

Status

Short form bill relating to agriculture.

The following measure was previously heard on Wednesday, February 01, 2012. No public testimony will be accepted.

HB 1947

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, FIN

Status

Creates agricultural safety and security program. Designates sections

141-1 through 141-10 as part I, General Provisions. Allows

certification services revolving fund moneys to fund the agricultural

safety and security program.

The following measure was previously heard on Friday, February 03, 2012. No public testimony will be accepted.

HB 1948

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, JUD

Status

Strengthens existing law to require proof of identification from sellers of agricultural commodities. Makes the failure to maintain required certificates while in possession of agricultural commodities prima facie evidence of the offense of theft in the second degree. Effective July 1,

2012.

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing with a transmittal cover indicating:

- · Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee the comments are directed to;
- · The date and time of the hearing;
- · Measure number; and
- · The number of copies the Committee is requesting.

While every effort will be made to copy, organize, and collate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed to the incorrect office, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

Submit testimony in ONE of the following ways:

PAPER: 5 copies (including an original) to Room 424 in the State Capitol;

FAX: For comments less than 5 pages in length, transmit to 586-6511(Oahu) or 1-800-535-3859 (for Neighbor Islanders without a computer to submit testimony through e-mail or the Web); or

EMAIL: For comments less than 5 pages in length, transmit to AGRtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov; or

WEB: For comments less than 4MB in size, transmit from the Web page at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the Legislative Web site after the hearing adjourns. This public posting of testimony on the Web site should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in the House public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the Committee Clerk at 586-8480 or email your request for an interpreter to HouseInterpreter@Capitol.hawaii.gov at least 24 hours prior to the hearing for arrangements. Prompt requests submitted help to ensure the availability of qualified individuals and appropriate accommodations.

Selected meetings are broadcast live. Check the current legislative broadcast schedule on the "Capitol TV" Web site at www.capitoltv.org OR call 536-2100.

Hearing AGR 02-08-12

