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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:	Monday, February 11, 2013
TIME:	9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Conference Room 423
	State Capitol
	415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

<u>HB 1421</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ORGANIC AGRICULTURE. Requires DOA to establish a combined organic agricultural mobilization program to provide affordable long-term leases to farmers to establish small, organic farms. Authorizes PUC to establish preferential utility rates for participants of the program. Requires HTDC to assist participants of the program. Makes an appropriation.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 442</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Extends the limited liability protections against trespasser lawsuits to qualifying owners of four or less acres of agricultural land.	AGR, JUD
<u>HB 508</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE. Exempts from the procurement code any contract by governmental bodies to procure fresh meat and produce, and animals and plants for use by any governmental body.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- · The date and time of the hearing; and
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