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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2014 TIME: 9:30 A.M. PLACE: Conference Room 312 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. AGR, WAL, CPC Clarifies the applicability of section 205-4.6, HRS, relating to private restrictions on agricultural uses and activities, to condominium projects on lands classified as agricultural. (SD1) RELATING TO IRRIGATION.

Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvements to irrigation systems and associated agricultural management facilities. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP. Authorizes the dean of the college of tropical agriculture and human resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish a two-year industrial hemp remediation and biofuel research program. Permits the dean of the college of tropical agriculture and human resources to submit a final report to the legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016. Defines industrial hemp. Repeals 07/01/2016. (SD2)

AGR, WAL, FIN

AGR, JUD

SB 2294, SD2

<u>SB 2078, SD1</u>

(SSCR2506)

Status

(SSCR2572) Status

SB 2175, SD2 (SSCR2531) Status



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<u>SB 2658, SD3</u> (<u>SSCR2609)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY. Requires a special use permit for solar energy facilities on class B or C land. Requires solar energy facilities placed within land with soil classified as overall productivity rating class B or C to occupy not more than thirty per cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty acres of land, whichever is lesser, or in the alternative, of two or more adjacent parcels having met the applicable county requirements for the joint development or joint lot use of those parcels. Requires the area occupied by the solar energy facility to also be made available for compatible agricultural activities at a lease rate that is at least fifty per cent below fair market rent for comparable properties. Requires the area occupied by the solar energy facility to also be made available for compatible agricultural activities. Defines "agricultural activities". Requires that solar energy facilities be decommissioned and removed within twelve months of the conclusion of operation. Sunsets on July 1, 2020. (SD3)	AGR, EEP/WAL
<u>SB 2026, SD1</u> (<u>SSCR2046)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY. Prohibits the slaughtering or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption. Amends the definition of "pet animal" in chapter 711, HRS, to include any dog or cat rather than only dogs or cats not bred for human consumption. (SD1)	AGR, JUD
<u>SB 2347, SD2</u> (<u>SSCR2578)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Requires nursery stock that is infested with certain pests to be treated for the eradication of pests before the sale or transport of the nursery stock from one island to another island within the State or intraisland. Requires an element of gross negligence, rather than intent, for a violation of section 150A-6(3) or (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the importation, possession, or transportation of certain animals, plants, or equipment that is harmful to agriculture, horticulture, animals, public health, or natural resources. Eliminates the element of intent to propagate, sell, or release from the penalty for transporting, harboring, or importing prohibited animals or restricted plants, animals, or microorganisms without a permit and from the penalty for importing, possessing, harboring, transferring, or transporting any designated pest. Establishes an affirmative responsibility on the consignor of any landscape material or products, agricultural goods, construction materials, equipment, vehicles, soil, or sand to prevent the movement of invasive species in Hawaii. (SD2)	AGR, JUD
<u>SB 2110, SD2</u> (SSCR2729) <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES. Appropriates funds from the pesticide use revolving fund to facilitate increased pesticide regulation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, EEP, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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