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**NOTICE OF HEARING** 

DATE:

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

TIME:

10:20am

PLACE:

Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

HB 1597

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

AGR, FIN

Status

Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for research and mitigation efforts relating to the rapid ohia death disease in the State. Requires the Department to submit a report to the Legislature. Makes

appropriation.

HB 2185

RELATING TO CARBON FARMING.

AGR, FIN

Status

Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who practice carbon farming for agricultural purposes on property located in agricultural

districts.

HB 2765 Status

RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HONEY BEE

AGR, EEP, FIN

COLONIES.

Requires pest control operators to contact an expert prior to

terminating a honey bee colony to determine whether the colony can

be safely removed and transported.

RECONSIDERATION OF PRIOR DECISION MAKING

The following measure was previously heard on Thursday, February 4th at 8:30am. No public testimony will be accepted. HB 1997 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGR, LAB, FIN

Status

Implements the recommendation of the Hawaii agriculture workforce advisory board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

**DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW** 



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- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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Rep. Clift Tsuji

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