THE SENATE THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:	Wednesday, March 15, 2017
TIME:	1:15 p.m.
PLACE:	Conference Room 224
	State Capitol
	415 South Beretania Street

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HB 453, HD1 (HSCR850) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act and state food safety laws. Appropriates funds. (HB453 HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 728, HD1 (HSCR852) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Expands the agricultural products general excise tax exemption to include additional types of agricultural products. (HB728 HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 446, HD1 (HSCR849) Status & Testimony	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PARK. Makes an appropriation for the acquisition of land, planning, design, and construction of an agricultural park in South Maui. (HB446 HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 643 (HSCR875) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO IRRIGATION. Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to the Waiahole Irrigation System.	AEN, WAM
HB 775, HD2 (HSCR1059) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Repeals the requirement that the DOA must: (1) grant permission prior to the removal of eggs from any dock or landing; and (2) certify that eggs contained in a shipment are properly marked. Requires importation and other documents to be furnished to the DOA before imported eggs are offered for sale. Provides that a violation of section 147-75, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be considered an unfair and deceptive act or practice for which a person may bring an action. (HB775 HD2)	AEN, CPH



HB 961, HD2 (HSCR971) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO FARMERS. Excludes for income tax purposes a portion of income earned by farmers who grow or raise food or value–added food products within the state and whose annual gross income does not exceed a certain amount. (HB961 HD2)	AEN, WAM
HB 959, HD1 (HSCR854) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Requires the Auditor to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. (HB959 HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 1230, HD1 (HSCR911) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill. (HB1230 HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 1389, HD1 (HSCR857) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES. Makes an appropriation for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities to be expended by the Department of Agriculture. (HB1389 HD1)	AEN, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard Chair

