HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 TIME: 10:00 a.m. PLACE: VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE Conference Room 325 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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HB 702 <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FARM TO SCHOOL PROCUREMENT. Requires the department of education to establish rules for the procurement of goods and services related to the administration of food programs at public schools that incorporate a geographic preference for unprocessed locally grown and locally raised food products. Except for the provision relating to Hawaii products, exempts the department's food program from the Hawaii public procurement code.	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 549</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS. Transfers the oversight and regulation of measurement standards in the State from the department of agriculture to the department of commerce and consumer affairs.	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 681 Status	RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF STATE FUNDS. Establishes linked investments to provide loan funds for agriculture and authorizes the State to invest in linked investments. Appropriates funds to the department of budget and finance to hire one position to administer the linked investment program.	AGR, ECD, FIN

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HB 767 Status	RELATING TO THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. Moves the Hawaii farm to school program from the department of agriculture to the department of education. Establishes a programmatic goal for the department of education that at least thirty per cent of food served in public schools shall consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Creates an annual reporting requirement.	AGR, EDN, FIN
HB 461 Status	RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING. Expands the coffee labeling and advertising requirements to include ready-to-drink coffee beverages and inner packaging or wrapping labels. Requires coffee blend labels to disclose geographic and regional origins with the percent by weight of each origin, while gradually increasing the minimum percentage of coffee by weight required to be able to use a geographic origin on a label or advertisement. Clarifies that the use of the term "All Hawaiian" is prohibited when the coffee product is not produced entirely from green coffee beans grown and processed in Hawaii.	AGR, ECD, CPC
HB 685 Status	RELATING TO RAW MILK. Authorizes the direct sale of raw milk and raw milk products to consumers, with certain restrictions. Specifies labeling requirements for raw milk and raw milk products.	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 409 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL CARETAKERS. Requires the Department of Health to contract with a nonprofit animal rescue group to oversee caretakers of feral cats and mongooses. Exempts registered caretakers of feral cats and mongooses from state laws and county ordinances relating to the feeding and confinement of cats and mongooses. Establishes a trap-sterilize-return process.	AGR, JHA, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least <u>24 hours</u> prior to the hearing. While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may not be processed.

Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

Committees meeting in the morning must adjourn prior to the day's Floor Session. Therefore, due to time constraints, not all testifiers may be able to testify. However, all written submissions will be considered by the committee.

Please refrain from profanity or uncivil behavior. Violations may result in ejection from the hearing without the ability to rejoin.

The House will not be responsible for bad connections on the testifier's end.

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FOR AMENDED NOTICES: Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

For more information, please contact the Committee Clerk at (808) 586-7009

Rep. Mark J. Hashem Chair

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