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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
TIME: 9:45 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 307](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.

AGR, WAL, CPC

Allows the department of agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is twenty-five acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand.

[HB 313](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, HET, FIN

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program. Requires a report to the legislature.



<u>HB 611</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies that "customary and traditional subsistence farming", which is customary and traditional subsistence farming conducted by a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner in certain situations, is included as a protected activity under the Hawaii right to farm act. Clarifies that the cultivation of crops and activities related to game, fish, and livestock in the agricultural district may be for economic use or customary and traditional subsistence farming. Provides that one of the State's policies under the Hawaii State Planning Act's agricultural objectives is to assure the right of customary and traditional subsistence farming.	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 284</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TARO. Exempts the gross proceeds or income received from the sale of any product resulting from the cultivation and production of unprocessed taro from the general excise tax. Repeals 6/30/2028.	AGR, ECD, FIN
<u>HB 488</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Establishes within the Department of Agriculture, an Aquacultural Area Lease Program for the purpose of identifying state facilities, state lands, and state marine waters that are suitable for use and lease as commercial aquacultural areas. Allows agencies having control and management of identified aquacultural areas to lease the facilities, lands, and waters to the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of the Act. Allows the program to use the moneys in the Aquaculture Development Special Fund to carry out the purposes of the Act and requires the revenues obtained from aquacultural area leases to be deposited into the Aquaculture Development Special Fund. Imposes penalties and civil and criminal liabilities. Exempts the program from being subject to the Hawaii Ocean and Submerged Lands Leasing Act.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 615</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL USES AND ACTIVITIES. Clarifies that any provision in a private agreement contained in a conveyance of land recorded on or before 7/8/2003 that have since expired but have not been renewed and recorded in the bureau of conveyances are prohibited from restricting bona fide agricultural uses and activities on agricultural land.	AGR, WAL, CPC
<u>HB 248</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the Department of Education to fully implement the farm to school program and farm to school meals program by the 2024-2025 school year. Provides that complex area superintendents have the authority to implement the farm to school and farm to school meals programs. Requires certain school cafeteria supervisors to report directly to complex area superintendents. Establishes school cafeteria supervisor positions. Requires the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a compensation review of school cafeteria supervisor positions. Appropriates moneys.	AGR, EDN, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

