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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 310 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii for the college of tropical agriculture and human resources to establish an agriculture education coordinator position.	AGR, FIN
HB 312 Status	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Replaces representatives from the sugar and pineapple industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.	AGR, CPC
HB 974 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a program specialist position within the Department of Agriculture and appropriates moneys to fund the position. Prioritizes assistance for farmers and ranchers who produce local food that is at least partially consumed within the State.	AGR, FIN
HB 1350 Status	RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a GroupGAP food safety training and certification program.	AGR, FIN



HB 209 Status	RELATING TO TOURISM. Requires the department of agriculture to include a statement on desecration laws in the plants and animals declaration form.	AGR, JHA
HB 544 Status	RELATING TO REGULATION OF IMPORTATION. Requires the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.	AGR, FIN
HB 1149 Status	RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM. Appropriates funds for positions and activities related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control.	AGR, FIN
HB 1150 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii ant lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.	AGR, FIN
HB 577 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources and Hawaii invasive species council for population control and eradication of rose ringed parakeets.	AGR, FIN
HB 220 Status	RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS. Establishes a Spay and Neuter Special Fund. Allows funds from an income tax check-off to be deposited into the Spay and Neuter Special Fund. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
HB 972 Status	RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND. Adds new sources of revenue generated by the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch as sources for the Animal Industry Special Fund and clarifies that the funds from the special fund may be expended to make laboratory improvements.	AGR, FIN
HB 215 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS. Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, or distribution of certain animal fur products in the State. Effective 1/1/2024.	AGR, JHA
HB 204 Status	RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS. Prohibits the sale of farm raised fish and wild fish and shellfish without a label stating where the seafood was landed.	AGR, CPC
HB 1455 Status	RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST MAUIGROWN COFFEE, INC. Authorizes a new issuance of special purpose revenue bonds in the amount of \$30 million, to assist MauiGrown Coffee, Inc. with the operation and expansion of its farm and mill.	AGR, FIN
HB 1512 Status	RELATING TO LIABILITY. Limits the civil liability of good Samaritans who render emergency nonmedical care and emergency nonmedical assistance to animals during an emergency.	AGR, JHA

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

