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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A #2

[HB 305, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR594\)](#)  
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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.  
Updates the Hawaii State Planning Act's economic agricultural objectives and policies and priority guidelines by removing references to the sugar and pineapple industries. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

AGR/ECD, FIN

[HB 971, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR607\)](#)  
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RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.  
Establishes the agricultural emergency loan revolving fund, to be administered by the department of agriculture, to fund Class D emergency loans. Provides a separate source of funding for agricultural emergency loans. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

AGR, FIN



<a href="#"><u>HB 275, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR519)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO TARO. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to provide grants to assist taro farmers in meeting the costs of cultivating taro for consumption. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 306, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR517)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER. Appropriates funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1149, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR518)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM. Appropriates funds for positions and activities related to coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation control. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 972, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR550)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND. Adds 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. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 605, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR585)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE. Establishes a dam and reservoir working group to ensure and enhance the continued availability and operation of dams and reservoirs in the State and consider their role in drought mitigation and the maintenance of a dependable water supply. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 1182, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR679)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement for lessees to perform drilling of non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa agricultural park. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 308, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR677)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the department of agriculture. Requires the working group to submit a plan, any recommendations for implementing the plan, and any proposed legislation to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group and develop the plan and for an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions to be employed by the department of agriculture. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN
<a href="#"><u>HB 946, HD1</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HSCR608)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Status</u></a>	RELATING TO THE FOOD SUPPLY. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to plan, design, construct, and operate a new animal slaughterhouse on the island of Oahu. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)	AGR, FIN



<a href="#">HB 606, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR602)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING.</p> <p>Requires the department of agriculture, in collaboration with other state agencies, to develop and implement a plan by 7/1/2025 to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by non-profit food distribution services. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1382, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR745)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO MEAT DONATION.</p> <p>Provides for donation of wild game to under-resourced communities. Establishes a task force for development and implementation to expand meat processing capacity in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AGR, CPC, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 609, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR680)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for its meat inspection program, including three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors to perform meat inspection services. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1426, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR673)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.</p> <p>Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates funds for food and product innovation facilities on the islands of Molokai, Oahu, and Hawaii. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, ECD, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1248, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR552)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to DOA for the continued administration of the Hawaii healthy food incentive program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1250, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR761)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA.</p> <p>Imposes labeling requirements for mamaki tea grown in the State. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to administer the mamaki tea labeling requirements. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, CPC, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 313, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR480)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to establish a foreign agriculture small equipment pilot program. Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AGR, HET, FIN</p>
<a href="#">HB 1359, HD2</a> <a href="#">(HSCR749)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP.</p> <p>Repeals redundant regulations on hemp production, which will reduce costs for the State and Hawaii farmers. Amends the hemp law in a manner that recognizes the unique constraints of Hawaii farmers, while protecting human health. Allows licensed hemp producers to sell hemp biomass. Requires and appropriates moneys for the department of health to hire or consult a toxicologist or consultant familiar with hemp industry standards for the purpose of setting defined action limits or exposure levels for different types of hemp products. Extends the State's hemp processor law through 7/1/2027. Repeals on 7/1/2027. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AGR/HLT, CPC, FIN</p>



## DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita  
Chair

