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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023
TIME: 1:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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[HB 197, HD1](#)

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RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.

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Requires the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance from stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration systems and air conditioning systems and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants. Requires the state building code council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code. Specifies that no law, rule, ordinance, or code, including the state building code, shall prohibit or limit the use of a refrigerant deemed acceptable under federal law. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

[HB 974, HD1](#)

[\(HSCR1156\)](#)

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~~RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.~~

~~AEN, WAM~~

~~Establishes a program specialist position within the department of agriculture and appropriates moneys to fund the position. Requires the grant specialist to prioritize assistance for farmers and ranchers who produce local food, at least some portion of which is consumed within the State. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)~~

~~[Measure deleted
on 03-15-23]~~

<p>HB 971, HD2 (HSCR1114) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>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. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, WAM</p>
<p>HB 692, HD1 (HSCR1067) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Increases administrative and criminal penalties for violators of the Hawaii pesticides law. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>AEN, JDC</p>
<p>HB 973, HD2 (HSCR1055) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO HEMP. Repeals the requirement for additional rules by the department of agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. (HD2)</p>	<p>AEN, CPN</p>

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair