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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[SB 818, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR764\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AQUACULTURE.
Transfers the aquaculture program from the Department of Agriculture to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, WAL, FIN

[SB 1547, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR1025\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS.
Establishes a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Appropriates moneys for food and product innovation facilities on the islands of Molokai and Oahu. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR, ECD, FIN



SB 1498, SD1 (SSCR1021) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO.</p> <p>Prohibits the Board of Land and Natural Resources from disturbing or acquiring for development certain wetland taro-growing lands. Establishes a taro lands classification for public lands. Permits structures for loi taro fields in the agricultural district. Establishes growth and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian crops as a goal of the Hawaii State Planning Act. Authorizes the Land Use Commission to create an inventory of taro lands and consult with former members of the Taro Security and Purity Task Force in the creation of the inventory. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, WAL, FIN</p>
SB 782, SD2 (SSCR1056) Status	<p>RELATING TO TARO.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to Hawaii farming groups to be disbursed to taro farmers. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 745, SD1 (SSCR1098) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Extends the offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown roasted coffee. Makes an appropriation for 1.0 FTE enforcement position. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, CPC, FIN</p>
SB 746, SD1 (SSCR839) Status	<p>RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING.</p> <p>Expands the coffee labeling and advertising requirements to include ready-to-drink coffee beverages and inner packages and inner wrapping labels. Requires disclosure on the label of coffee blends of the respective geographic and regional origins and per cent by weight of the blended coffees. Prohibits use of the term "All Hawaiian" in labeling or advertising for roasted coffee or instant coffee not produced entirely from green coffee beans grown and processed in Hawaii. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, CPC</p>
SB 1488, SD2 (SSCR1042) Status	<p>RELATING TO LIVESTOCK.</p> <p>Requires the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, in consultation with livestock industry stakeholders, to conduct a study to assess the effects of heat stress on beef cattle during interisland ocean transportation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, HET, FIN</p>
SB 99, SD1 (SSCR1063) Status	<p>RELATING TO MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish, implement, and administer a meat and poultry inspection program. Appropriates funds for the establishment, implementation, and administration of the program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>



[SB 1486, SD2](#)
[\(SSCR1041\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING.

AGR, FIN

Requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch; and in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing and distribution capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD2)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

