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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:      Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
TIME:      9:30 AM  
PLACE:     VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
              Conference Room 325  
              State Capitol  
              415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D   A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **DELETED** from the agenda: **SB 73, SSD1**



[SB 2159, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR2818\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY.  
Requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including aquaculture, that expand the State's priority on food by including freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms as a viable food source. Requires the Governor to submit an updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026. (SD2)

AGR/WAL, FIN

[SB 73, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR1064\)](#)  
[Status](#)

~~RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.  
Allows the Department of Agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of 15 years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is 25 acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than 500,000. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)~~

~~AGR/WAL, FIN~~

[SB 2560, SD2](#)  
[\(SSCR2986\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.  
Provides that each lease that the Department of Agriculture enters into, renews, or extends after the effective date of this Act shall authorize the DOA to: (1) Enter the leased premises at any time to survey for, identify, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive pests; (2) Require a lessee to maintain control of any invasive pests on the leased premises, at the lessee's expense; and (3) Terminate the lease if the lessee refuses the DOA entry or is found in violation of any applicable law, rule, or order relating to the control or eradication of invasive pests. Takes effect 4/14/2112. (SD2)

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[SB 2960, SD1](#)  
[\(SSCR2874\)](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO FARMERS.  
Requires that lessees and purchasers of farm lots and ranch lots use that land for farming and producing food. Authorizes agricultural cooperatives to apply for farmlands. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

AGR/WAL, FIN

### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Testimony submitted will be placed on the legislative website. This public posting of testimony on the website should be considered when including personal information in your testimony.

The chair may institute a per-testifier time limit.

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**FOR AMENDED NOTICES:** Measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are bolded.

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Chair

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