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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 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 **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB2737**

[HB 2001](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE.
Requires the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities. Makes an appropriation.

AGR, WAL, FIN

[HB 2083](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.
Authorizes the Department of Education to establish a recognition program to incentivize schools to submit to the Department a plan for the school to reach the local farm to school meal goal of thirty per cent of food served in the school to consist of locally sourced products by 2030. Requires public high schools under the Department of Education to provide plant-based meals as an option under the school meals program.

AGR, EDN, FIN



HB 2136 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a pesticide inspection program to increase compliance with the proper use of restricted use pesticides by agricultural producers, ensure the continued prohibition on the use of chlorpyrifos, and inform the public of the most recent pesticide inspection results for agricultural producers.	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 2138 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL 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, HET, FIN
HB 2140 Status	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.	AGR, HET, FIN
HB 2144 Status	RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION. Establishes the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act to allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions, upon registering with and receiving a permit from the Department of Health.	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 2146 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM. Makes state agricultural tourism requirements applicable to all counties, instead of only counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance. Requires Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farms implementing agricultural tourism.	AGR, WAL, FIN
HB 2613 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Expands the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee. Imposes a \$10,000 fine for each separate offense of false-labeling of Hawaii-grown roasted coffee. Makes an appropriation for 1.0 FTE enforcement position within the Department of Agriculture.	AGR, CPC, FIN
HB 2618 Status	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion. Requires a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AGR, WAL, FIN
HB 2758 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Facilitates the control and eradication of invasive species and pests. Establishes a plant nursery licensing program. Requires the Department of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests for control or eradication. Imposes certain limits on imports and transportation. Updates the method by which the Department's noxious weed list is updated.	AGR, CPC, FIN



Amends the authorized activities and uses in agricultural districts to prohibit roadside stands from displaying and selling value-added products and establish a minimum percentage of agricultural products that must be produced on the property in order to be offered for sale at certain retail agricultural-based commercial operations.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

