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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 3:02 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
            State Capitol
            415 South Beretania Street
TIMESLOT: AEN

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A G E N D A

SB 2718   RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM.   AEN/GVO, WAM

Status &   Beginning January 1, 2028, requires the Department of
Testimony   Education, Department of Health, Department of Corrections
                     and Rehabilitation, Department of Defense, and University of
                     Hawaii to ensure that thirty percent of the produce purchased by
                     that department consists of fresh local agricultural products or
                     local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.
                     Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to
                     develop a nutrition- and aina-based program for integration into
                     public school curricular. Requires DAB to partner with a
                     regional aggregator to support the aggregation and processing
                     of Native Hawaiian staple crops, facilitate procurement
                     pipelines, and expand access to Native Hawaiian crops.
                     Requires DAB to prioritize grants for an organization that meets
                     certain requirements. Requires a report to the Legislature.
                     Appropriates funds.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey   Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair   Chair