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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

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

**MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
TIME: 3:05 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: AEN

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

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A G E N D A

[SB 2374](#)

RELATING TO A BLUE ECONOMY.

EDT/AEN, WAM

[Status & Testimony](#)

Establishes the Blue Economy Working Group to study how to develop and support marine-based economic activities that align with the State's decarbonization and restorative food production goals. Requires a report to the Legislature.

[SB 2760](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

AEN/CPN,  
WAM/JDC

[Status & Testimony](#)

Clarifies that the importation of any item or material infested or infected with an insect or other animal, disease, or pest is prohibited. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules to designate certain restricted articles to require a compliance agreement prior to importation. Clarifies that the State is not responsible for any economic loss or damages related to any actions by the Department under chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Authorizes the Department to administratively inspect any article imported or moved into the State from the continental United States or between the islands of the State. Authorizes the Department to compel the quarantine of certain non-agricultural items or materials. Allows for certain interim rules adopted by the Department to be effective for up to two years. Clarifies penalties for various quarantine and import law violations. Appropriates funds to establish one full-time equivalent position within the Department to assist the Plant Industry Division Administrator in drafting, reviewing, and updating certain administrative rules.

[SB 2741](#)

[Status &](#)  
[Testimony](#)

RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

AEN, WAM

Phases in exemptions of locally produced food from the general excise tax.

**Decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.**

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