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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026
TIME: 3:05 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 1603, HD1 (HSCR1105-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Repeals the requirement for land covered by an agricultural park lease with a remaining term of fifteen years or less to be located in a county having a population of less than five hundred thousand in order for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to extend the lease. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, JDC
HB 1707, HD1 (HSCR787-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Local Agriculture Transportation Cost Reimbursement Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to reimburse eligible ranchers and farmers a portion of their costs to transport livestock, livestock products, agricultural commodities, and certain supplies, under certain conditions. Establishes a position to administer the Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM
HB 2155, HD2 (HSCR1027-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS. Statutorily establishes the Agricultural Statistics Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to collect data on local agricultural interests. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AEN, WAM
HB 2594, HD1 (HSCR927-26) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Directs the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to conduct a study on insurance coverage for small agricultural producers. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AEN, WAM

[HB 2595, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR929-26\)](#)
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RELATING TO REGIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION.
Establishes the Regional Agricultural Feasibility and Food Systems Production Studies Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to provide coordinated, region-specific agricultural production and crop feasibility analysis across the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair