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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2026
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1601](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.
Amends the expending agency for a fiscal year 2026-2027
appropriation for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council from the
Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Department of Land
and Natural Resources.

AGR, WAL, FIN

[HB 1828](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.
For purposes of permissible uses in agricultural districts, establishes
minimum requirements for income received from agricultural activity
for a family occupying a farm dwelling. Provides that the definition of
a "farm dwelling" includes agricultural activity that is considered a
farming operation under section 165-2, HRS, and is conducted on more
than 50 per cent of the entire lot.

AGR, WAL, FIN



<u>HB 1616</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies that the disposition of agricultural park lots for commercial activity may occur after the initial development of the agricultural park and regardless of whether the applicable county council approved plans and specifications for the future disposition of lots for commercial activity, with certain exceptions. Authorizes the care and production of swine and swine products within certain agricultural parks and under certain conditions.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1603</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	AGR, WAL, JHA
<u>HB 1606</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Transfers oversight of the Aquaculture and Livestock Support Services Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Transfers the Agricultural Development Division of DAB to the ADC.	AGR, ECD, FIN
<u>HB 1604</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 1605</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE. Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for the development of its human and community resilience institute.	AGR, HED, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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