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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 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 1602 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant specialist position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.	AGR, FIN
HB 2246 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION. Creates an agricultural grant program and revolving fund for the purposes of grant application, execution, reporting and auditing to be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Effective July 1, 2026.	AGR, FIN
HB 1707 Status	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.	AGR, FIN



<u>HB 2216</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to package and sell a portion of its agricultural loan portfolio to permitted third parties. Appropriates funds out of the Agricultural Loans Revolving Fund to increase its expenditure ceiling.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2594</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2595</u> <u>Status</u>	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.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2155</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to revitalize and enhance the Agricultural Statistics Program to collect data on local agricultural interests. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2113</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds for the removal of overgrown vegetation from the Kainahola Stream.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2207</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish rules allowing the sale and distribution of fine mesh nets, including monofilament netting, in the State to protect plants from the coconut rhinoceros beetle.	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 1832</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Requires establishment of a biological aquatic risk-based framework for assessment and approval of aquatic livestock importation and movement. Authorizes the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to adopt rules implementing species risk categorization, tiered biocontainment standards, per-arrival disease testing, and interagency coordination procedures. Establishes an interagency working group. Requires development of species-specific risk matrices, interagency working group coordination with automatic permit approval timelines, and performance accountability. Establishes an implementation timeline. Appropriates moneys.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2015</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING. Clarifies the labeling and advertising requirements for coffee that is grown and processed in the State. Defines "regional origin".	AGR, CPC
<u>HB 2152</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO DOG ATTACKS. Clarifies owner liability and increases penalties and enforcement mechanisms for dog attacks on livestock.	AGR, JHA



DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

