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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 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 1952, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR121-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvements for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience's Agricultural Research and Extension Station on Kauai. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HED, AGR, FIN

[HB 1951, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR124-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.
Requires the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience to establish a Center for Biosecurity Research, Education, and Extension to develop and implement innovative solutions for detecting, monitoring, eradicating, and managing invasive species. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

HED, AGR, FIN



HB 1929 Status	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop a Molokai Biosecurity Plan to prevent the spread of invasive species found elsewhere in the State to the island of Molokai. Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for a plants and plant materials inspection and quarantine facility on the island of Molokai and facility staffing.	AGR, FIN
HB 2497 Status	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Amends section 150A-58, Hawaii Revised Statute, to clarify that signatory industries to a biosecurity government-industry agreement shall not be liable for costs related to performing activities pursuant to the agreement. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to establish a working group that comprises signatories of the biosecurity government-industry agreements for joint-decision making.	AGR, JHA
HB 2208, HD1 (HSCR153-26) Status	RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY. Establishes and appropriates funds in the form of grants for the Hawaii Farm to Families Program under the Department of Human Services to alleviate food shortages in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSH, AGR, FIN
HB 2572 Status	RELATING TO SUBSISTENCE GARDENING. Establishes within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity a temporary Subsistence-Plus Gardening Pilot Program. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
HB 1737, HD1 (HSCR179-26) Status	RELATING TO FARM EMPLOYEE HOUSING. Clarifying the permitted uses within the agriculture district with respect to farm dwellings and farm employee housing. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG/WAL, AGR, JHA
HB 1953 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes the Conservation and Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Pilot Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Requires a report to the Legislature. Repeals 6/30/28. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
HB 2551 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds for the Area-Wide Fruit Fly Suppression Program.	AGR, FIN
HB 2549 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. Establishes a Clean Plant Program within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to support the production, maintenance, and distribution of disease-free, clean plant material to growers, nurseries, and other agricultural producers in the State. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cory Chun
Chair

