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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 20, 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

Testimony submitted for the cancelled hearing on March 13 should be re-submitted for this hearing in order to be considered.

SB 2319, SD1 (SSCR2775) Status	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) grant writer position within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and converts the position from temporary to permanent. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)	AGR, FIN
SB 2407, SD2 (SSCR2929) Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND. Establishes and appropriates moneys for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Hawaii Island Property Manager position within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)	AGR, FIN



SB 2489, SD1 (SSCR3021) Status	<p>RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.</p> <p>Requires each lease that the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity enters into, renews, or extends to include provisions stating that the Department may: (1) enter the leased premises; (2) order or otherwise require the lessee to maintain control of any invasive species on the leased premises; and (3) terminate the lease for refusal or violation. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, JHA</p>
SB 2153, SD2 (SSCR2942) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Requires the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity to develop and adopt a multi-tiered, matrix-based assessment framework to develop definitions for the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity" to be codified into the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires the Board to collaborate with stakeholders to draft the terms "bona fide farmer" and "bona fide agricultural activity". Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 2321, SD1 (SSCR2972) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG.</p> <p>Establishes a two-year Two-Lined Spittlebug Response Pilot Program to mitigate and control the spread of the two-lined spittlebug. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 2805, SD2 (SSCR2787) Status	<p>RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.</p> <p>Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit to incentivize significant investment in agricultural production and support the expansion of agricultural crops that take longer to become productive. Sunsets 1/1/2031. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 3010, SD2 (SSCR3063) Status	<p>RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT.</p> <p>Allows law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and firefighters to enter an unattended vehicle to protect the health, safety, or well-being of a pet animal that is endangered by being left or confined in an unattended vehicle. Allows private citizens to rescue a pet animal that has been left in an unattended vehicle under certain circumstances. (SD2)</p>	<p>AGR, JHA</p>
SB 2892, SD1 (SSCR2900) Status	<p>RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>
SB 2595, SD1 (SSCR2773) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.</p> <p>Requires payments to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for letting, licensing, or renting of its properties to be at market rates or higher. Exempts lessees, licensees, and tenants who grow, raise, and harvest fresh local agricultural products for the Department of Education or are partner members of the Food and Product Innovation Network. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>



[SB 2781, SD1](#)
[\(SSCR2895\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO LEI.

AGR, FIN

Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to convene a working group that shall identify, gather, and report on any existing studies or assessments conducted or data assembled by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity or University of Hawaii on flower farms, lei materials, and the capacity of local floriculture to meet public and private demand; conduct a study of the State's floriculture industry; and submit a report to the Legislature. Sunsets the working group on 6/30/2027. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Chair

