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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

[HB 1989](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO RAW MILK.

AGR, CPC

Authorizes and decriminalizes the sale of raw milk, raw milk products, and raw milk dairy products directly from producers to consumers, for human consumption, subject to certain restrictions. Authorizes the sale of raw goat milk for pet consumption. Establishes labeling requirements. Requires the Board of Agriculture and Department of Health to adopt rules no later than 7/1/2025.

[HB 2127](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING.

AGR, FIN

Requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with other state agencies, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by non-profit food distribution services by 7/1/2025. Appropriates funds.

[HB 2129](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AGR, CPC

Includes single-ingredient products as a purchasing option for certain state departments and entities to fulfill their local food purchasing requirements. Defines "single-ingredient product".



HB 2773 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT LABELING. Establishes certain standards for agricultural products labeled as being Hawaiian or from Hawaii.	AGR, CPC
HB 2142 Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for its meat inspection program, including one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) inspector program supervisor position and three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) inspectors.	AGR, FIN
HB 2337 Status	RELATING TO PESTICIDES. Replaces representatives from the sugar and pineapple industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.	AGR, CPC
HB 2046 Status	RELATING TO FERAL CHICKEN MANAGEMENT. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral chicken management projects. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
HB 2104 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to ensure its long-term viability and prevent future problems. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.	AGR, FIN
HB 2131 Status	RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG. Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to mitigate and control the spread of the two-lined spittlebug and to fund recovery efforts for areas affected by it. Requires a report to the Legislature. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AGR, FIN
HB 2132 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Appropriates funding for the Hawaii Ant Lab to support little fire ant mitigation and eradication efforts.	AGR, FIN
HB 2133 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes an invasive species grant pilot program to provide grants through DOA to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in Hawaii that is owned by the individual, business, or organization.	AGR, FIN
HB 2139 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement an invasive species inspection placard program to enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer and inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers.	AGR, FIN
HB 2191 Status	RELATING TO FERAL ANIMALS. Appropriates funds to the city and county of Honolulu for the expansion of the feral chicken project and the Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health for a statewide education campaign for the feeding of feral animals.	AGR, FIN



HB 2537 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Imposes a penalty for knowingly selling invasive plants or plants containing invasive species.	AGR, JHA
HB 2546 Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Allows for the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species.	AGR, FIN
HB 2644 Status	RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS. Recognizes the Hawaii ant lab as the lead organization in addressing little fire ant infestations, with support of the department of agriculture, plant pest and disease control branch. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii ant lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.	AGR, FIN
HB 2672 Status	RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS. Appropriates funds to support the Hawaii ant lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.	AGR, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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