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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
TIME: 9:15 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 325
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB1525, HB2129, HB2139**

HEARING

[HB 1815](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. AGR, FIN
Includes agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support businesses engaged in agritourism.

[HB 1937](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN
Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa and Pahoia agricultural parks.



<u>HB 2130</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS. Establishes the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group. Requires a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Establishes an unspecified number of positions within the Department of Agriculture. Makes an appropriation.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2134</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates funds to establish grant specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2137</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii farm to food bank program and Hawaii food assistance program special fund to alleviate food shortages in the State. Appropriates funds.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2329</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS. Establishes a one-year pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai using past research and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies. Appropriates funds. Sunsets 6/30/2025.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2335</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS. Reduces and sets fixed interest rates for loans under the Agricultural Loan Program.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2590</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY. Appropriates funds for food bank purchase from local farmers, to be expended by request for proposal via the Department of Agriculture.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2617</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AQUACULTURE. Establishes the Aquaculture Advisory Committee within the Department of Agriculture. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2619</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2705</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LEASES. Modifies requirements and restrictions related to the Department of Agriculture's dispositions of non-agricultural park lands to maximize the benefit to the State of agricultural lands and to help the State achieve its economic and food production goals.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2754</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Plant-Based Building Materials Working Group to report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii and provide economic development and green jobs while sequestering greenhouse gases to help achieve the State's climate target.	AGR, FIN



<u>HB 1525</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the continued administration of the Hawaii healthy food incentive program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2771</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD SECURITY. Appropriates funds for the continued administration of the Hawaii healthy food incentive program and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2774, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR31-24)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. Resolves some of the discrepancies between the locally sourced food benchmarks for the department of education and those of other state entities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	EDN, AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2236</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS. Reclassifies, repeals, or abolishes certain non-general funds of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-13.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 1782</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEMP. Makes a conforming amendment to allow the Department of Health, or its designee, to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for hemp processor permits.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB 2336</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HEMP. Repeals the requirement for additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting arising out of the activities of hemp growers. Clarifies that the Department of Agriculture will not require testing or sampling of hemp that duplicates testing and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture, but retain the authority to enforce other applicable state laws, such as Hawaii Pesticides Law.	AGR, JHA
<u>HB 2449</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HEMP PRODUCTS. Clarifies that the definition of "manufactured hemp products" in section 328G-1, HRS, includes hemp products specified in rules adopted by the Department of Health pursuant to section 328G-4.	AGR, CPC

DECISION-MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Monday, February 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM**. No public testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 2129</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. 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".	AGR, CPC
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[HB 2139](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

AGR, FIN

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.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates
Chair

