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**Three House of Representatives Committees To Visit
Big Island Farms and Businesses**

Honolulu. Three House of Representatives committees that make up the economic development bracket will visit Big Island farms and businesses over a three-day period. Starting Wednesday, the Agriculture, Economic Development & Business, and Tourism & Culture committees will meet with Hawaii island communities to talk about issues, problems and concerns, and needed legislation for the next legislative session.

"The more information we have about the Big Island, the better we'll be able to introduce meaningful bills that will help our farms and businesses," said Rep. Clift Tsuji (District 3 – South Hilo, Panaewa, Puna, Keaau, Kurtistown), chair of the House Agriculture Committee, who coordinated the tour for his colleagues. "I'm very proud of our innovative, hard working people, and I want to ensure that the Legislature recognizes their contributions and importance to our state economy." The lawmakers are scheduled to visit the following locations:

Wednesday – September 5, 2007

Kona Coffee Living History Farm – Captain Cook
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii – Kailua Kona
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant – Kamuela
UH – College of Tropical Agriculture, Mealani Station – Kamuela

Thursday – September 6, 2007

Waipio Valley
Hawaiian Vanilla Company – Paauilo
Hamakua Springs Country Farms – Pepekeo
UH – College of Tropical Agriculture, Ag complex - Stainback Highway

Friday – September 7, 2007

Waiakea High School – Robotics Team
Shipman Industrial Park
Puna Geothermal Ventures
Greenpoint Nurseries – Mountain View

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