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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 05, 2015
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

HB 504
Status

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.
Increases the pesticide licensing fee. Amends authorized uses for moneys in the pesticide use revolving fund. Requires memorandum of understanding between the department of agriculture and the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources regarding the expenditure of funds from the pesticide use revolving fund and a report to the legislature. Establishes an environmental toxicologist position within the department of agriculture and a pesticide extension specialist, through a contract with the department of agriculture, within the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources. Appropriates funds out of the pesticide use revolving fund for specific purposes. Removes the sunset date of Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010.

AGR, HED, FIN

HB 509
Status

RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO.
Creates a classification of agricultural public lands entitled "taro lands". Appropriates funds to the board of land and natural resources to create an inventory of lands classified as taro lands.

AGR, WAL, FIN

HB 534
Status

RELATING TO SECTION 266-17, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.
Provides discounted rates and fees for the use of harbors, wharves, and properties managed and operated by the DOT for shipment of Hawaii-grown agricultural products. Makes a housekeeping amendment relating to Kewalo Basin.

AGR, TRN, FIN



<u>HB 608</u> <u>Status</u>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO WAIMEA NUI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds up to \$45,000,000 to Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation, a private not-for-profit corporation, for the planning, acquisition, and construction of agriculture, renewable energy, and educational facilities.	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 627</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. Establishes the Hawaii farm to school program and two farm to school coordinator positions. Appropriates funds.	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 823</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT. Establishes a two-year agricultural theft pilot project to investigate the effectiveness of a dedicated enforcement officer focused specifically on prosecuting agricultural theft and agricultural vandalism in the county of Hawaii.	AGR, JUD, FIN
<u>HB 849</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Amends Hawaii's Right to Farm Act to ensure that counties cannot enact laws, ordinances, or resolutions to limit the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in agricultural practices.	AGR, JUD
<u>HB 850</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE. Appropriates moneys for critical positions in UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB 853</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative in DLIR to conduct trainings for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency. Appropriates moneys to support the initiative.	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 870</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO FOOD. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for a food innovation center to be operated by Kapiolani community college for the purpose of utilizing processing-grade, locally grown farm products to manufacture prepared meals in a large-scale kitchen.	AGR, HED, FIN
<u>HB 995</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Appropriates unspecified sums to the Future Farmers of America program and the 4-H program to educate and support youth in agriculture careers.	AGR, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 1039</u> <u>Status</u>	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LOCAL AND IMMIGRANT FARMER EDUCATION PROGRAM. Appropriates moneys to the Local and Immigrant Farmer Education Program of the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service to support the growth and sustainability of the agriculture industry.	AGR, HED, FIN



HB 1051
Status

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules relating to the declaration of Hawaii origin for agricultural commodities.

AGR, CPC, FIN

HB 1273
Status

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.
Includes hydroelectric facilities as a permissible use on agricultural lands if the hydroelectric facilities are accessory to agricultural activities.

AGR, EEP, CPC

HB 1372
Status

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.
Amends the definition of "public utility" by excluding any person who provides water solely to bona fide agricultural activities. Defines bona fide agricultural activities.

AGR, CPC, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

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