

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2759

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2759 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to combat the spread of coqui frogs by requiring the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to give priority, in its invasive species prevention and control plan, to eradicating coqui frogs that are on lands:

- (1) Owned by the State or any county; and
- (2) Within one mile of residential areas.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and C&H Farms supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and Conservation Council for Hawaii supported the intent of this bill. Animal Rights Hawaii opposed this bill.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2759 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Energy & Environmental
Protection,

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