

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2873

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2873 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide funding for inspection and eradication efforts concerning invasive species, by establishing a Hawaii Invasive Species Special Fund, to be funded by:

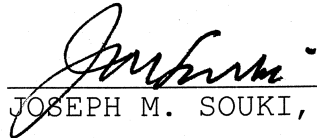
- (1) An unspecified percentage of the funds collected from airport landing fees; and
- (2) An unspecified percentage of the funds paid into the Harbor Special Fund.

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, C&H Farms, The Nature Conservancy, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii, and Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, testified in support of this bill. The Maui County Farm Bureau and Airlines Committee of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Transportation, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Horizon Lines, LLC, and Young Brothers, Limited, opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation offered comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2873 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



