

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1409 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 12

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 12 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING TO BE USED
FOR PROGRAMS AND MEASURES INTENDED TO CONTAIN AND ERADICATE
COQUI FROGS IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request Hawaii's
Congressional delegation to seek federal funding to contain and
eradicate coqui frogs in Hawaii

The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Land and
Natural Resources, the Hawaii Association of Realtors, and C&H
Farms submitted testimony in support of this measure. Animal
Rights Hawaii opposed this measure.

Your Committees recognize that alien invasive species, such
as the coqui frog, pose a dangerous threat to our State's fragile
and complex ecosystem. Although the State is concentrating more
resources toward the containment and eradication of the coqui
frog, federal assistance is needed because of the pervasiveness
and high levels of concentration of the coqui frog in the State.

Your Committees note that previous federal funding received
for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake has
significantly reduced the threat of that specie to Hawaii.
Similar federal support and funding to eradicate the coqui frog

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would ensure the viability and safety of the State's ecosystem and economy.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 12 and recommend its adoption.

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

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