

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 160

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. 160 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT H.R. NO. 3468 TO
CONTROL THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND
DISEASES IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge the
President and Congress of the United States to support H.R. No.
3468, cited as the "Hawaii Invasive Species Prevention Act," to
control the introduction and spread of invasive species and
diseases in Hawaii. H.R. No. 3468 would, among other things:

- (1) Prevent any federal agency from authorizing, funding, or
carrying out any action that would likely cause or
promote the introduction or spread of invasive species
and diseases in Hawaii;
- (2) Require federal agencies to consider invasive species
and disease issues when planning any activity that may
cause the accidental introduction of invasive species
and diseases in Hawaii;
- (3) Establish a system of quarantine protocols;

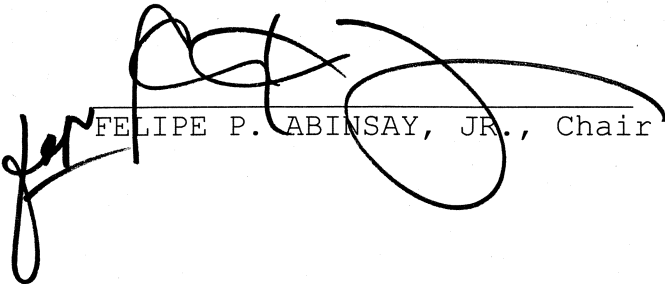


- (4) Allow federal officials to assist and cooperate with local and state efforts to eradicate or control invasive species; and
- (5) Authorize an appropriation to carry out the purposes of the legislation.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, C&H Farms, and the Maui County Farm Bureau testified in support of this concurrent resolution. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure.

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. 160 and recommend its adoption.

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


FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair


for HERMINA MORITA, Chair



