

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2417  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ERADICATE AND CONTROL THE COQUI FROG,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the growing threat of coqui frog infestation by appropriating an unspecified amount of funds for grants-in-aid to:

- (1) The County of Hawaii for support and implementation of the Coqui Frog Working Group Incident Action Plan; and
- (2) The County of Maui, County of Kauai, and the City and County of Honolulu for the eradication and control of the coqui frog in each respective county.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the County of Maui, University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Hawaii Association of REALTORS, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Maui Outdoor Circle, Kihei Akahi A.O.A.O., C&H Farms, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii and several



concerned individuals opposed this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

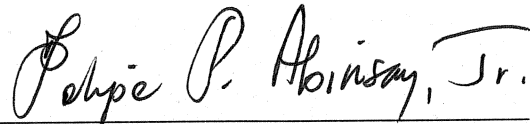
- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1 for each grant-in-aid to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair





