

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2486
S.D. 2

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. 2486, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's environment and agricultural industry by:


- (1) Making permanent the Invasive Species Council (Council);
- (2) Placing the Council within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for administrative purposes only;
- (3) Increasing the membership of the Council by adding eight legislators to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members; and
- (4) Establishing quorum and voting requirements for the Council.

DLNR, the Conservation Council for Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and C & H Farms testified in support of this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation submitted comments.



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. 2486, S.D. 2, 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,



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair



