

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1827 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 24, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 36

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 S.C.R. No. 36 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES
ACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the
United States Congress to support the enactment of the proposed
federal Hawaii Invasive Species Prevention Act, H.R. 3468, that
would establish certain federal findings and grant authority for
Hawaii to institute a stricter incoming quarantine and inspection
regime.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature
Conservancy of Hawai'i, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Hawaii
Crop Improvement Association, Pineapple Growers Association of
Hawaii, and Meadow Gold Dairies testified in support of this
concurrent resolution. The Department of Agriculture supported
the overall intent of this measure.

Your Committees find that federal preemption prevents Hawaii
from using incoming quarantine and inspection that are stricter
than federal law. Passage of the Hawaii Invasive Species
Prevention Act on the federal level would allow Hawaii to
establish a regime comparable to the one currently mandated for
passengers and cargo leaving Hawaii en route to the mainland.

SCR36 HSCR EEP-AGR HMS 2006-3592



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 S.C.R. No. 36 and recommend its adoption.

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

for


FELIPE P. ABINSAY, JR., Chair

for Cindy Evans


HERMINA MORITA, Chair



