

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2486
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2486 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the number of members on the invasive species council and place the council with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for administrative purposes.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Conservation Council of Hawaii, Maui County Farm Bureau, the Nature Conservancy, and six individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture and DLNR. Comments were submitted by the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Invasive Species Council is a very important agent in preventing, controlling, and eradicating invasive species in Hawaii, and the areas that are most affected by the invasive species are on the neighbor islands. Thus, this measure:

- (1) Repeals the sunset date for the Invasive Species Council, permanently placing it within DLNR for administrative purposes only; and
- (2) Increasing the number of council members to include eight members of the legislature to serve ex officio and



in an advisory capacity, one from each county and four from each house.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the council members be appointed by the governor by January 1, 2004; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2486, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,

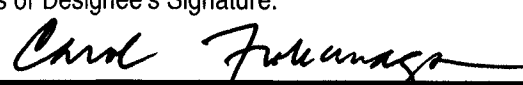


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SB2486</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WLA, T&O</i>	Date: <i>2/10/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.