

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1179

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1179 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR COQUI FROG ERADICATION AND CONTROL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's native ecosystem from the threat of invasive species by providing a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawaii for the support and implementation of the coqui frog working group incident action plan.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Maui Outdoor Circle, Kihei Akahi A.O.A.O., Hawaiian Acres Community Association Coqui Control Group, Hawaii Audubon Society, Ahualani Community Association of Waiakea Uka, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii and a concerned individual opposed this bill. A concerned individual 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 H.B. No. 1179 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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