

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 561 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2977  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2977 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the coqui frog problem near residential areas by directing the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC), in its required plan, to give priority to eradicating coqui frogs that are on state or county land and within one mile of residential areas.

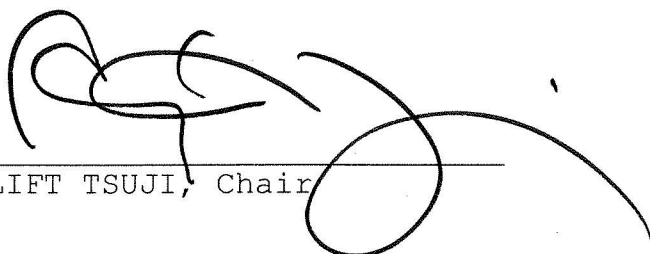
The Hawaii Audubon Society and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii submitted comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that HISC, in its coqui frog eradication plan, must give priority to eradicating coqui frogs that are on state or county land and within one mile of residential areas. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2977, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture,

  
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CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2977	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/13/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	/			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/			
7. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
8. WAKAI, Glenn				/
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose		/		
TOTAL (12)	10	1	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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