

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 772

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. 772 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide a dedicated source of funding to prevent the spread of invasive species by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to prescribe a schedule of service fees and charges to be collected from persons who import objects that may harbor invasive species or personal property used for the movement of other personal property that may harbor invasive species;
- (2) Establishing the Invasive Species Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund (Eradication Fund) into which the service fees and charges collected in (1), in addition to legislative appropriations, fees for permits and inspections, certain fines and penalties for violations, and federal funds, are to be deposited; and
- (3) Requiring funds in the Eradication Fund to be used for the operation of inspection and monitoring programs and facilities at ports of entry, and for emergency remedial measures when invasive species are detected.



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The Department of Transportation, Oahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and the Conservation Council for Hawaii supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association supported the intent of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui County Farm Bureau, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., and Matson Navigation Company, Inc., opposed this bill. The DOA and Airlines Committee of Hawaii offered 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. 772 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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



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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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CLIFT TSUJI, Chair





