

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2948

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1684
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 1684, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent and reduce the intentional introduction and spread of invasive species by:

- (1) Making the violation of section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the importation into the State of certain agricultural items, a petty misdemeanor and subject to specified fines;
- (2) Making the intentional importation, possession, harboring, transferring, or transporting, with the intent to propagate, sell, or release, any pest designated by statute or rule a class C felony and subject to specified fines; and
- (3) Expanding the presumption regarding whether a person possesses the "intent to propagate" to include pests designated by statute or rule.

Written comments in support of the measure were submitted by two private organizations. Written comments presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.



Your Committee finds that invasive insects, diseases, snakes, weeds, and other pests are one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Your Committee believes that this measure will provide necessary disincentives for the intentional introduction of invasive species.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of style and clarity; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of September 14, 2047, to ensure further discussion regarding this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1684, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1684, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1684, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: WTL, JGO	Date: 3/23/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes