

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1193

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 696  
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COQUI FROGS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the problem of coqui frog infestations by authorizing the counties to use a portion of their transient accommodations tax collections (TAT) toward coqui frog eradication efforts.

The Department of Agriculture and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted comments.

Your Committees recognize that TAT allocations provided to each county are used pursuant to each respective county's priorities, and that a county may already use TAT funds to finance coqui frog eradication efforts. It is not the intent of your Committees to restrict or limit the authority of each county to use TAT allocations in accordance with its own priorities. This measure reflects a policy statement by your Committees emphasizing their commitment to resolving the coqui frog problem.

SB696 SD1 HSCR AGR-TCI HMS 2009-3252

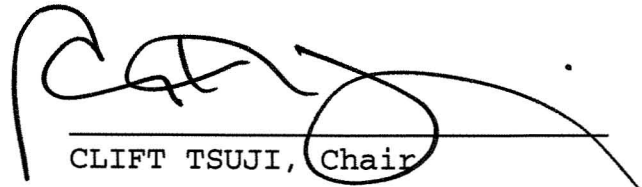


In addition, discussion was held regarding the need to address other invasive species that threaten Hawaii's agriculture and ecosystem. Your Committees support continued efforts to controlling and eradicating the broad spectrum of invasive threats that pose significant dangers to the state.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 696, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

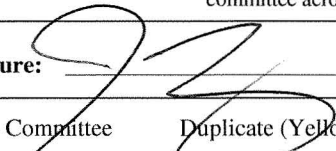
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Tourism, Culture, &  
International Affairs,

  
JOEY MANAHAN, Chair

  
CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 696 SD1	Committee Referral: AGR/TCI, FIN	Date: 3/20/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. WOOLEY, Jessica (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
<del>8. TAKAI, K. Mark</del>				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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