

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1940
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1940 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AGRICULTURE INSPECTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds from the agricultural development and food security special fund to the Department of Agriculture to fund plant quarantine inspectors and support staff.

The Department of Agriculture, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaii Farmers Union United, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Association, and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources testified in support of the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

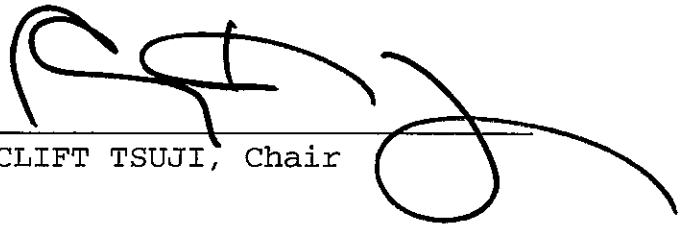
- (1) Appropriating \$2,400,000 to the Department of Agriculture to fund 38 plant quarantine inspectors and three support staff;
- (2) Changing the effective date to February 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 1940, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

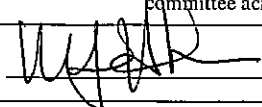

CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HB 1940-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1940	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/8/12		
<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. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen L.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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