

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1943
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. 1943 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii invasive species detection and prevention program within the Department of Agriculture and make an appropriation to the Department of Agriculture.

Oahu Detection Dog Services, LLC; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; and a concerned individual offered testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture offered testimony in support of the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

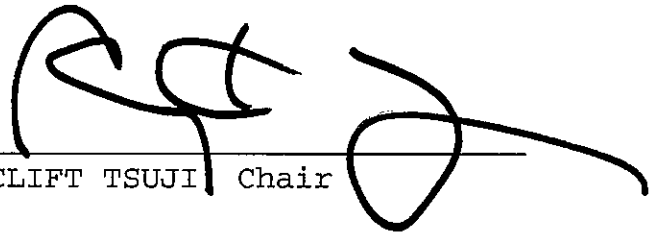
- (1) Deleting provisions establishing an invasive species detection and prevention program that contracts with private dog handlers to detect invasive species entering the state;



- (2) Specifying a general fund appropriation of \$81,270 to match a federal grant to fund plant quarantine detector dogs;
- (3) Directing the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1943, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1943, 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
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSCR 586-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1943	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/1/12		
<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, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>				
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