

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2244  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2244, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE INSPECTORS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal rules to enable the Department to establish, maintain, and enforce compliance agreements with federal or state departments of agriculture, and to assess fees for conducting inspections required under compliance agreements.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the impact of invasive species to Hawaii's agriculture, environment, natural resources, public health, and economy requires the State to have an effective biosecurity program. Due to an insufficient number of agriculture inspectors, it is important that the Department of Agriculture have the authority to enter into compliance agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture and other state departments of agriculture which will allow for greater collaboration and cooperation in biosecurity.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to clarify that this measure directs the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, or repeal rules to enable the Department to establish, maintain, and enforce compliance agreements with federal and state departments of agriculture specifically as to the import and export of plant commodities; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2244, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2244, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Public Safety, Government  
Operations, and Military  
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair

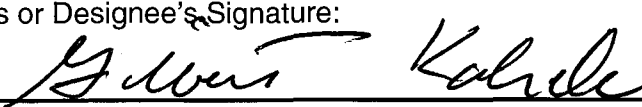


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture**  
**AGL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2244, HD1	AGL/PGM, WAM	3-20-2012
<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	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓	
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	
SLOM, Sam		✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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