

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2426
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2426 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent the introduction of new invasive species to the State by appropriating \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the planning, design, and construction of biosecurity facilities at harbors and airports throughout the State.

The Department of Transportation, Maui Invasive Species Committee, Oahu Invasive Species Committee, The Nature Conservancy, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Airlines Committee of Hawaii, The International Air Cargo Association, Commodity Forwarders Inc., Able Freight Services Inc., and US Airforwarders Association commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the funding source of the appropriation from general funds to general obligation bonds;
- (2) Providing that the appropriation in this measure shall not lapse at the end of Fiscal Year 2014-2015, but

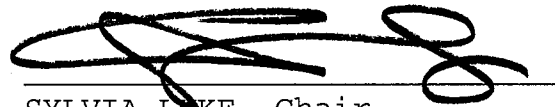


rather that all unencumbered moneys from the appropriation shall lapse on June 30, 2016;

- (3) Making the appropriation in an unspecified amount; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2426, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



