

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 47

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 47 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT OHIA AND OTHER MYRTACEAE FAMILY PLANTS FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE RUST FUNGUS, PUCCINIA PSIDII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's native and endemic plant species and watershed forests from invasive pests by expressing support and urging expeditious administrative action by both the United States Department of Agriculture and the state Department of Agriculture to restrict the importation of plant species that host the Puccinia psidii fungus.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and two individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 47 and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,

Cindy Evans for
CINDY EVANS, Chair



HSCR 1398-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 47	Committee Referral: AGR, WAL	Date: 3/31/14		
<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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
6. LEE, Chris	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
9. FALE, Richard Lee	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Rep Cindy Evans</div>				
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