

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2276

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2343

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2343 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION, CONTROL, OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning, Maui Invasive Species Committee, Hawai'i Green Growth, Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Enterprise Honolulu, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Immediate action is needed to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive species.

Your Committees further find that pests already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests, and the spread of disease, but many more harmful pests now threaten to invade Hawaii and wreak further damage. For example, a 2010 study by Shwiff, et

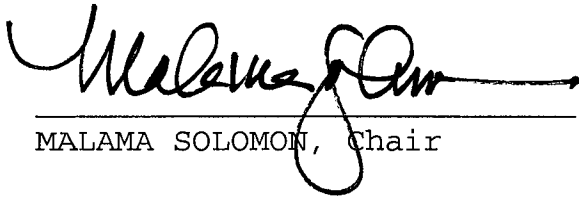
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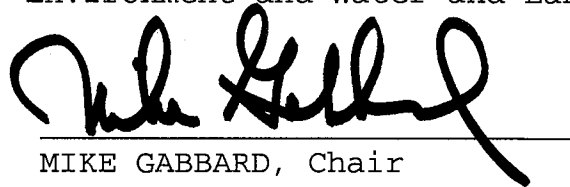
al., found that if brown tree snakes were introduced to Hawaii, the cost to the State in lost tourism, health costs, and damage to power infrastructure could total \$2,140,000,000 per year. Stopping the influx of new pests and containing their spread is essential to Hawaii's current and future well-being.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2343 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Water and Land,



MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair

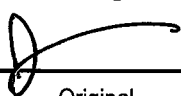


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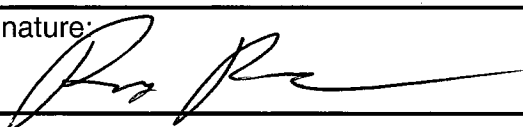
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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	7			2
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GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
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