

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2686

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2920  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2920, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a little fire ant pilot project to research solutions for addressing the little fire ant threat in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation, a Hawaii County Council Member, the Maui Invasive Species Committee, and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. Written comments in opposition were received from the Big Island Fisheries Alliance. The Department of Agriculture submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that the *Wasmannia auropunctata*, known as the little fire ant, threatens native biodiversity, alters tropical ecosystems, impairs human health, impedes tourism, diminishes agricultural productivity, mars horticulture sales, and accordingly ranks among the world's worst invasive species.

Your Committee further finds that the little fire ant is a primary threat to Hawaii's environment, agriculture, and economy, as well as to the health and way of life of Hawaii's people.

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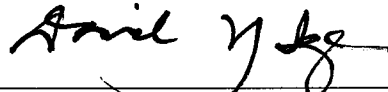
Research is needed to assess the long-term impacts of the little fire ant in the State and to ascertain the economic and social benefit from greater public investment in prevention and control.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the County of Hawaii is authorized, but not mandated, to hire, at a minimum, one part-time caretaker II position and two part-time caretaker I positions for the pilot project;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2920, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2920, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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SB 2920 SD1	ENE/PSM, WAM	2-27-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kalani</i>				
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