

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2542
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2542 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AUDITOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the State's efforts to ensure biosecurity and reduce the introduction of invasive species by requiring the Auditor to conduct a financial and performance audit of the duties and facilities of the Plant Quarantine Branch (Branch) of the Department of Agriculture, including the Branch's Biosecurity Program and related programs, to facilitate:

- (1) The transfer of the Branch to the Department of Transportation; and
- (2) The reestablishment of the Branch as a division within the Department of Transportation to regulate the transportation modes and impose adequate quarantine and biosecurity measures at ports of entry by January 1, 2018.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council opposed this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau submitted comments on this measure.

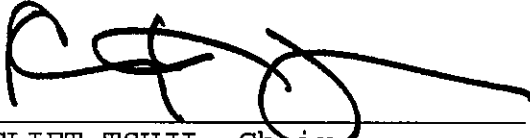


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting from the scope of the Auditor's audit consideration of the transfer of the Plant Quarantine Branch to, and reestablishment of the Branch as a division of the Department of Transportation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2542, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2542, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Legislative Management.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2542 | Committee Referral: AGR, LMG, FIN | Date: 2-4-16 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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) | | | | |
| AGR Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. TSUJI, Clift (C) | / | | | |
| 2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. BROWER, Tom | / | | | |
| 4. CACHOLA, Romy M. | | / | | |
| 5. CHOY, Isaac W. | / | | | |
| 6. DECOITE, Lynn | / | | | |
| 7. ITO, Ken | / | | | |
| 8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. | / | | | |
| 9. KONG, Sam Satoru | / | | | |
| 10. OHNO, Takashi | / | | | |
| 11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane | / | | | |
| 12. WOODSON, Justin H. | / | | | |
| 13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani | / | | | |
| 14. WARD, Gene | / | | | |
| TOTAL (14) | 13 | 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: <u></u> | | | | |
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