STAND. COM. REP. NO. 793 -16

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4

RE: H.B. No. 2596

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

begs leave to report as follows:

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2596 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MACADAMIA FELTED COCCID,"

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's macadamia nuts including against the threat of the macadamia felted coccid by appropriating funds for:

- (1) The Department of Agriculture (DOA), in cooperation with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), to research and develop methods for the prevention and treatment of the macadamia felted coccid;
- (2) CTAHR, in cooperation with DOA, to research and develop methods for the prevention and treatment of the macadamia felted coccid, including new chemical research on cultivating macadamia nuts; and
- (3) Hiring an extension agent at CTAHR to work on macadamia nut cultivation, post-harvest handling, and processing concerns, consistent with the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association research priority goals.

The University of Hawaii System, Royal Hawaiian Orchards, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, and several individuals provided testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Agriculture and an individual provided comments.

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. 2596 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
HB2596	AGR, FIN			03/01/16		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)		(/				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)		//				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.						
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.						
5. DeCOITE, Lynn						
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling		//				
7. JORDAN, Jo						_
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett						
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand						
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.						
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.						
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.						
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		//				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
15. POUHA, Feki						
16. WARD, Gene						
TOTAL (16)		6				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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