

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2965

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2596

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2596 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to research and develop methods of preventing and treating macadamia felted coccid infestations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i System, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, Royal Hawaiian Orchards, Hawaii Papaya Industry Association, and forty-eight individuals.

Your Committees find that macadamia nuts are among the top five grossing agricultural commodities in Hawaii. The State harvested an estimated forty-four million pounds in macadamia nut crop for the 2012-2013 crop year. The estimated farm value of macadamia nuts for that same year is \$35,200,000. In March 2005, the macadamia felted coccid was discovered on macadamia nut trees in South Kona, and infestations of macadamia felted coccid have now spread from South Kona to as far north as Honokaa. This insect can cause severe damage to macadamia nut trees when uncontrolled, and the macadamia felted coccid will continue to spread to other regions and counties of Hawaii if uncontrolled and devastate the macadamia nut industry. The implementation of this



measure will assist in combating this insidious pest and protecting the health of the vital macadamia nut industry.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2596, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water, Land, and
Agriculture and Economic
Development, Environment, and
Technology,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair

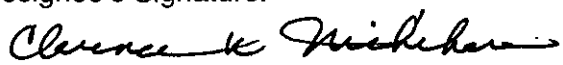


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

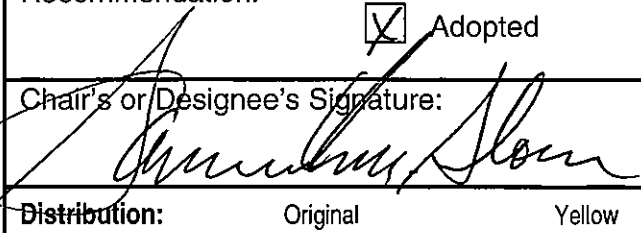
Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
WLA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2596	WLA/EET, WAM	3/18/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	7			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
Original	Yellow	Pink	Goldenrod	
File with Committee Report	Clerk's Office	Drafting Agency	Committee File Copy	

*Only one measure per Record of Votes

The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology
EET

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2596	Committee Referral: WLA/EET, WAM	Date: 3/18/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
ESPERO, Will	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
TOTAL	7	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes