

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2675  
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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2675 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to help to continue pathology research by the United States Department of Agricultural Research Service and other organizations to combat rapid ohia death.

The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii System, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, The Nature Conservancy, and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure.

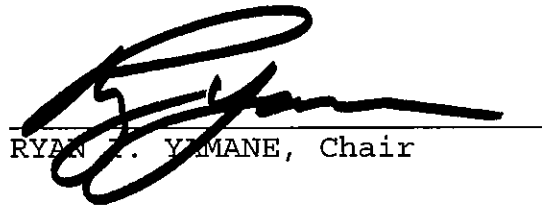
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2675, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2675, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

  
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RYAN J. YAMANE, Chair



