

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2675
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2675, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawai'i System, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that ohia makes up about fifty percent of the State's native forest and is a keystone species in native watershed areas. Rapid ohia death is devastating thousands of acres of native forest on the island of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that it is crucial that funds are directed to address this issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$600,000;



- (2) Replacing the Department of Agriculture with the Department of Land and Natural Resources as the expending agency for the appropriation;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2016; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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

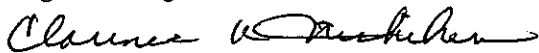
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2675, HD1	WLA, WAM	3/14/16		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	5			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes