

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2379  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2379 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a pilot pesticide treatment coupon project, within the existing little fire ant program, and a little fire ant site map.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i System, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the little fire ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata*, threatens native biodiversity, alters tropical ecosystems, impairs human health, impedes tourism, diminishes agricultural productivity, mars horticulture sales, and accordingly ranks among the world's worst invasive species. The County of Hawaii has been affected most by the little fire ant. The University of Hawaii, the County of Hawaii, and the Department of Agriculture must collaborate to develop and implement effective measures to address the impacts of the little fire ant in the County of Hawaii. Your Committees therefore find that the Department of Agriculture needs resources to be more proactive and aggressive in implementing its current little fire ant program.




Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending section 1 to better reflect the purpose of this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

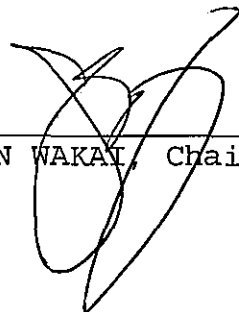
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2379, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2379, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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GLENN WAKAI, 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:
SB 2379	EET/WLA, WAM	2-12-16
<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.	/	/er
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
SLOM, Sam	/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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