

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2166

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2992

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 S.B. No. 2992 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct an inventory survey of Hawaiian sandalwood on the island of Hawaii to determine the abundance, health, and distribution of Hawaiian sandalwood that is currently subject to commercial harvest.

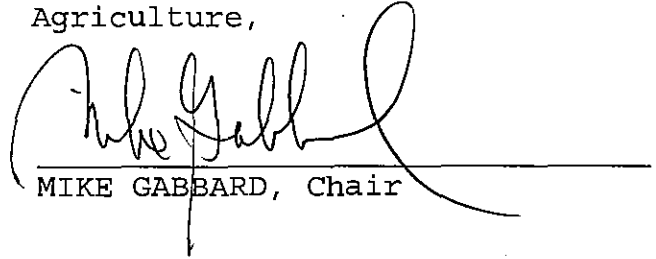
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaiian sandalwood, 'iliahi, is critically important to Native Hawaiians as part of the symbiotic relationship between the 'iliahi plant, the 'iliahi bird, and the 'iliahi fish and shows the nature connection between the wao akua, the land of the gods, the wao kele, coastal areas, and the po wale, the deep ocean. Your Committee further finds that although this measure addresses only one species of Hawaiian sandalwood, *Santalum paniculatum*, consideration should be given to establishing protections for all six species of Hawaiian sandalwood.



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 S.B. No. 2992 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2992	WLA, WAM	02-08-16		
<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: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes