

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 598

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 598 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate monies to fund a full-time temporary program manager position in the Department of Agriculture for the pesticide subsidy program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

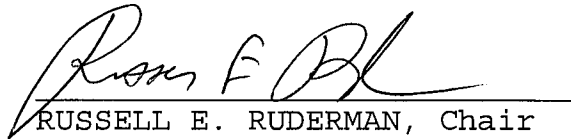
Your Committee finds that Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established a pesticide subsidy program within the Department of Agriculture effective from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019, with the purpose of providing subsidies to coffee farmers for the purchase of pesticides containing the fungus *Beauveria bassiana* to control infestation of the coffee berry borer. Although Act 105 appropriated funds to be used to hire one temporary program specialist for the pesticide subsidy program, the Act did not create a program manager position; this measure seeks to establish and appropriate funds to enable the Department of Agriculture to hire a program manager.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 598



and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,


RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 598	Committee Referral: AGL, WAM	Date: 2/3/15		
<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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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