

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

332

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1005
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1005 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase efforts to eradicate invasive pests and the agricultural crop loss they cause by appropriating funds to enhance and strengthen Hawaii's biosecurity program to fight incipient invasive species.

The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Ponoholo Ranch Limited, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, Maui County Farm Bureau, Local Food Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Farm Bureau, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Democratic Party of Hawaii, and Conservation Council for Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

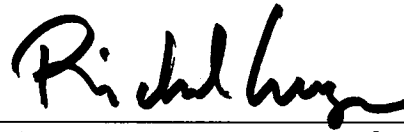
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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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 H.B. No. 1005, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



