

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1004

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 604
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 604, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDSCAPING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prevent the
spread of mosquito-borne illness by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to create and
maintain a list of plants and landscaping-related
structures or equipment that are known to be preferred
habitats for mosquito breeding; and
- (2) Prohibiting the use of plants and landscaping-related
structures or equipment that serve as preferred mosquito
habitats in landscaping on public property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that a variety of plants exist that are
known to be potential mosquito breeding habitats due to their
natural ability to collect water. Your Committee further finds



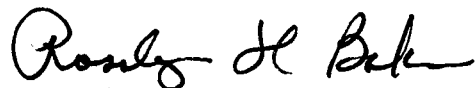
that limiting the use of such plants in landscaping, as well as landscaping-related structures and equipment that are preferred habitats for mosquito breeding, will reduce the mosquito population in Hawaii and benefit public health. Your Committee recognizes that the Department of Agriculture has more expertise than the Department of Health regarding which plants are natural water collectors likely to attract mosquitoes.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health, to create and maintain the list of plants and landscaping-related structures or equipment that are known to be preferred habitats for mosquito breeding;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 604, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 604, 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 Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 604, HD1	Committee Referral: CPH, NAM	Date: 3/17/17 <i>CPH</i>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
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;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>				
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