

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1465

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 606
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 606, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY ACCESS TO PRIVATE
PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
counties, through their employees or authorized agents, to enter
private property to control or eradicate invasive species and
pests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural
Resources; Office of the Mayor, County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i
Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and nine individuals.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Humane
Society of the United States.

Your Committee finds that invasive species and pests are a
persistent and real threat to the State. Invasive species and
pests can swiftly and permanently alter the ecosystem of the State
if not effectively eradicated. To ensure the rapid and complete
removal of such species and pests, it is essential to allow the
counties through their employees or authorized agents to have
authority to enter onto private property with sufficient notice,



similarly to existing law authorizing members of the Department of Agriculture and its agents, to control or eradicate invasive species and pests when it is determined to be necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying which agents are authorized to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species for the purpose of consistency; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 606, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 606, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



