

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1022

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 904
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 Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 904, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds to the invasive species rapid response special fund for the purposes of mitigating or eradicating newly detected invasive species threats in the State; and
- (2) Authorize the Invasive Species Council to request that the Governor declare an invasive species emergency when the Council determines that a newly detected invasive species poses a substantial threat to the agriculture, commerce, economy, environment, or public health of the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy, and five individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i and Best Friends Animal



Society. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and The Humane Society of the United States.

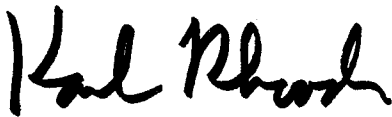
Your Committees find that the invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is a significant threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Your Committees further find that an invasive species rapid response fund will increase the State's ability to immediately respond to threats from invasive species at the time of first detection, thus enhancing invasive species prevention and mitigation in Hawaii to effectively protect the State's natural resources and economy and the health and lifestyle of its people.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making it effective on July 1, 2017.

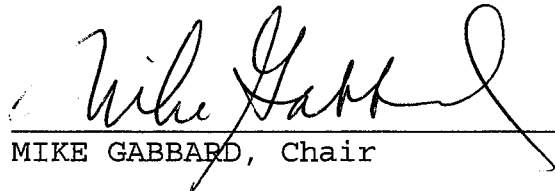
Your Committees recommend that if your Committee on Ways and Means chooses to pass this measure that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$300,000 for deposit into the invasive species rapid response special fund.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 904, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 904, 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
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Water and Land,



KARL RHOADS, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 904, HD1	AEN/WTZ, WAM	3/17/17		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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