

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1278

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 558

S.D. 1

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 Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 558, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Maui branch, to establish invasive species technician positions in east Maui to address invasive plants and animals.

The Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

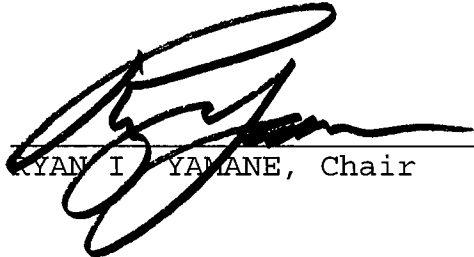
- (1) Specifying that the funds for invasive species technician positions shall be used to control invasive plants and animals statewide, rather than limiting fund expenditure to East Maui;



- (2) Specifying that the funds shall be appropriated from an unspecified special fund rather than the general fund;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 558, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 558, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



