

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 516

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1013
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1013 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive species in the State by restructuring the Hawaii Invasive Species Council into a new entity, the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, to be attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Local Food Coalition, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Kauai Invasive Species Committee, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Green Growth, and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Transportation supported the intent of this measure. Pele Lani Farm LLC, Hawaii Opae Ula, and several individuals opposed this measure. An individual provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2081, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1013, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1013, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



