

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1359

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1359 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's environment and increase efforts to eradicate invasive species by allowing each county to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to prevent, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive species on any public or private premises within the limits of the county.

The Mayor of Maui County, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaiian Electric Companies, American Bird Conservancy, Hawaii Farmers Union United, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawai'i Association of Realtors supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, Ponoholo Ranch Limited, and a concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 31, 2150.

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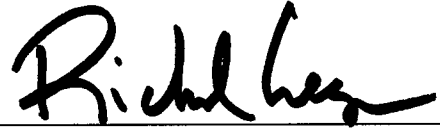


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1359, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1359, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Energy & Environmental
Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



