

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2046
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2046 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan by appropriating funds to the Department of Agriculture for outreach and education efforts in West Hawaii county regarding the detection and treatment of little fire ants.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, County of Hawaii Mayor, Hawaii County Council Member, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii, Hawaii Island Landscape Association, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, The Nature Conservancy, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and four concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount and should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it insert an amount of \$50,000.



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. 2046, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2046, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



