

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2081
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 Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2081 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the exponential growth in the number of rose-ringed parakeets that pose a significant threat to local economies, the environment, and human health and safety by appropriating \$284,011 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to provide assistance and funding to the National Wildlife Research Center of the United States Department of Agriculture (NWRC) to continue its efforts to manage the population of the parakeet on the island of Kauai.

The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, a Council Member of the Maui County Council, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Maui County Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, Kauai County Farm Bureau, and many concerned individuals supported this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing:

- (1) The specified amount of the appropriation to DLNR to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Its effective date to July 1, 2150.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate on this matter further, your Committee on Agriculture respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$284,011 to DLNR to assist NWRC in its studies, field trials, data updating on the behavior of the rose-ringed parakeet, developing control plans, and implementing an experimental rose-ringed parakeet population reduction to evaluate the control plan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2081, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



