

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2699

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2399
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to coordinate and address the control, eradication, and prevention of the introduction of invasive species;
- (2) Repeals the Invasive Species Council; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority and interagency products and research related to invasive species.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, a member of the Hawaii County Council, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, Local



Food Coalition, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Sierra Club of Hawaii, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and eleven individuals.


Your Committee finds that establishing the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority is one of the key goals of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. Your Committee further finds that under this measure, the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority will be the entity responsible for organizing the State's efforts for the prevention of the introduction of, early detection of, rapid response to, and control of invasive species in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language transferring the control of personnel, records, and other items of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority;
- (2) Changing the amounts appropriated to unspecified amounts;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

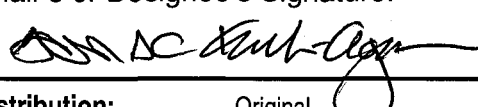


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State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2399, SDI	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/23/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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