

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2012

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2574

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2574 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for a biological control containment facility on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and O'ahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

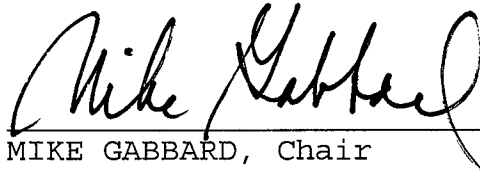
Your Committee finds that biological control, the process of reuniting an invasive species in Hawaii with a carefully tested and narrowly targeted pest from the invasive species' native range, is one of the most cost-effective and safe methods for controlling invasive species in Hawaii. The Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan places investing in biological control research as a high priority; however, the pathogen containment facility for biological control research at the Department of Agriculture has been non-operational for several years. Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture needs a state-of-the-art biological control facility to meet safety standards and tackle invasive



species that are causing havoc to Hawaii's native species and agricultural endeavors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2574 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2574	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/2/18		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes