

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

704

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1095

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1095 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the negative impacts of the feral pig population on agriculture and the environment by appropriating funds to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to develop an effective control plan for reducing the population of feral pigs statewide.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Bayer, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and several individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. Animal Rights Hawaii, Keiko Conservation, and a few individuals submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources offered comments on this measure.

The pig hunting community not only enjoys the recreational aspect of hunting, it also provides another source of food for the hunter's family and friends. Your Committee believes that DOA should study the feasibility of developing the feral pig

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population into a contributor in achieving Hawaii's goal of food security and self-sufficiency. The feasibility study should also include the State's axis deer population.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1095, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1095, 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



