

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1255

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2019

RE: H.B. No. 201
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 201, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that authorized agents may enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, County of Hawai'i Office of the Mayor, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaiian Electric Companies, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that it is critically important to address new invasive pest species as soon as they are detected. Recent invasive pest species projects have included control of the little fire ant and coqui frog on Kauai, Maui, and Oahu; mongoose on Kauai; myoporum thrips on Oahu; and banana bunchy top virus on Molokai.



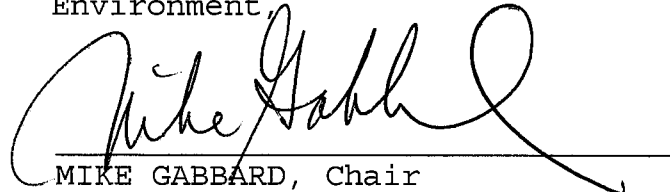
Your Committee recognizes that it can be challenging to positively confirm the presence of an invasive species on private property prior to obtaining access to that property. This measure would ameliorate the issue of positive identification of invasive species by allowing state departments that are members of the Invasive Species Council, counties, and their employees and authorized agents to enter private property to confirm the presence of an invasive species, and perform a control action as necessary, upon a reasonable suspicion of the presence of an invasive species on the private property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose section to reflect that this measure is not intended to enable entry onto private property to eradicate non-prohibited pet animals; and
- (2) Making it effective on July 1, 2019.

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 H.B. No. 201, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 201, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.


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


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 201, HD1	AEN, JDC	03-13-2019		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				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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