

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 964

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 964 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the construction of:

- (1) An invertebrate and plant propagation facility and baseyard improvements on Oahu;
- (2) A predator proof fence on Oahu; and
- (3) A predator proof fence on Maui.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that Hawaiian tree snails, *Kahuli*, are treasured for their importance to native Hawaiian culture, their beauty, and their ecological role in sustaining healthy forest ecosystems. On January 1, 2019, another irreplaceable native Hawaiian species was lost when the last known *Achatinella apexfulva*, named "Lonesome George", perished. However, there are



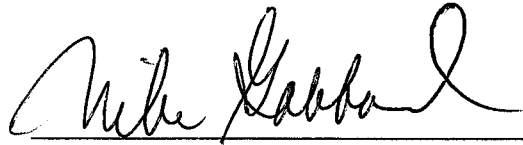
effective tools, including invertebrate captive rearing facilities and predator-proof fencing, to protect these species that are part of Hawaii's natural and cultural legacy. Your Committees further find that there is a crucial need to relocate the existing invertebrate captive rearing facilities from Kawainui, where the facilities are extremely vulnerable to flooding, high wind events, and vandalism, to the Waimano baseyard on Oahu. This measure provides resources to assist in protecting Hawaii's valuable snails.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 964 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Water and Land,



KAIAHI'I ECHELE, Chair

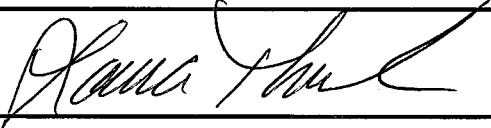


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 964	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL, WAM	Date: 02.11.2019		
<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 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			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	3			2
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

