

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1789

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 145

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 145 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO PRIORITIZE THE CONTROL OF HIGH-
THREAT INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and
Wildlife to prioritize the control of high-threat invasive species
in the County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Office of the Mayor of the
County of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and O'ahu County Democrats
Committee on Legislative Priorities. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural
Resources.


Your Committee finds that invasive species have become one of
the most challenging problems impacting Hawaii. Many invasive
species are damaging the environment and the State's economy.
Every year, numerous new pests are introduced into the State, such
as the coqui frog, coffee berry borer, axis deer, macadamia felted
coccid, little fire ant, coconut rhinoceros beetle, small hive
beetle, and varroa mite, to name a few. Your Committee further



finds that eradication of invasive species in Hawaii is a difficult task and often is only possible when a species is a relatively new introduction and its population size and distribution are limited. Some species are unfortunately established beyond the ability to eradicate, requiring a cost-benefit analysis that considers the costs of controlling a species in perpetuity, versus scaling back or suspending control activities until new technological advances provide more effective control methodologies. Your Committee supports prioritizing the control of high-threat invasive species.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,




KAIULANI M. PULE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SCB145 | Committee Referral: WTL | Date: 3/27/2019 | | |
| <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 |
| KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C) | X | | | |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC) | X | | | |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. | | | | X |
| RIVIERE, Gil | | | | X |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | X | | | |
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