

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1790

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: S.R. No. 112

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.R. No. 112 entitled:

"SENATE 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 and one individual.

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.R. No. 112 and recommends its adoption.

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

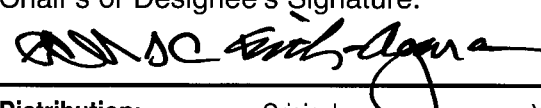


KAIULANI M. HILLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR112	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			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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