

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3447

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 12 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1654
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control, including grants for fencing and corral traps and a program to reduce feral pig populations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Kauai County Farm Bureau; Punachick's Farm, LLC; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Shaka Forrest Farms LLC; Kahuku Farms, Inc.; PonoLolo Ranch; Ono Pop's Kauai; Hole in the Mountain Farm LLC; Bayer Crop Science Hawaii; Waihale Products; A Special Touch Flowers; Tropical Dreams Ice Cream; Pioneer Hi-Bred; Em Hawaii, LLC; M Nakamura Nursery LLC; KHK Ranch LLC; Yee's Orchard; Main Family Farm; Ohana Farm Orchards; Ajar Inc., Aileen's Nursery; Aikane Plantation; Rusty's Hawaiian; Maui Cattle Company; KM Farm and Ranch; Hartung Brothers, Hawaii LLC; Wines of Kauai; Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms; The GrassMaster; and thirty-one individuals. Your Committee received



testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committee finds that feral pigs have been particularly damaging to farms and ranches statewide, where their numbers have been growing exponentially. Your Committee notes that feral pigs pose a significant threat to local economies by destroying agricultural crops and livestock, damaging Hawaii's ecology through invasive seed dispersal, competing with native wildlife, and posing a threat to human health and safety. According to testimony received by your Committee, the funding provided by this measure will allow the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a much-needed control plan to limit the negative impacts produced by feral pigs.

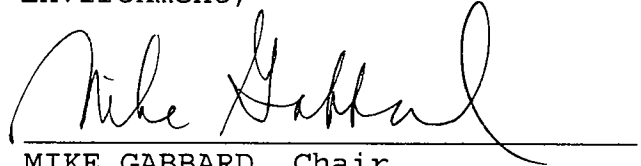
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language referencing grants to allow the Department of Agriculture to expend the funds for fencing and corral traps by other funding mechanisms;
- (2) Adding language directing the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to increase feral pig control;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of \$1,000,000; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020.

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. 1654, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Gabbard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1054, HD 2	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 03/11/2020		
<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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
THIELEN, Laura H.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
FEVELLA, Kurt				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes