

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 871

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. 871 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for invasive species technician positions in its Division of Forestry and Wildlife on the island of Hawai'i to address invasive plants and animals.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; two members of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; The Nature Conservancy; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committees find that the invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Your Committees further find that despite many successes, mitigation of



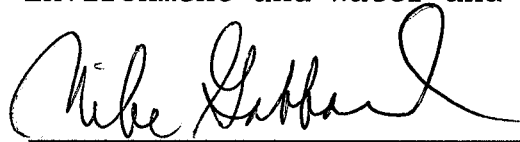
invasive species threats and impacts is an ongoing process that requires resources. Provision of additional positions on the island of Hawai'i will help protect the environment, human health, culture, and economy.

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. 871 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,



KAIULANI I. KAHELE, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 871	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL, WAM	Date: 2-11-2019		
<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)	K			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				X
RHOADS, Karl	K			
THIELEN, Laura H.	K			
FEVELLA, Kurt				K
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

