STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1293

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 3 0 2021

RE: S.R. No. 194 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 194 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXPAND ITS QUARANTINE FACILITIES OF THE PLANT QUARANTINE BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to expand the quarantine facilities of the plant quarantine branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that responding quickly to newly detected invasive species can often prevent the species from becoming firmly established, saving taxpayers money in the long term. Your Committee notes that administrative rules may allow the Board of Agriculture to shorten or exempt existing quarantine of restricted plants, provided that the plants can be propagated or imported under procedures that would mitigate the risk of pest introductions with associated materials. Your Committee further finds that the Plant Quarantine Branch of the Department of Agriculture is a critical component in meeting the threat of invasive species entering Hawaii and spreading throughout the State. Increased capacity to appropriately quarantine regulated



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plant materials will benefit growers by enhancing the Department of Agriculture's ability to prevent the entry of invasive species into the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Agriculture to determine the cost of quarantine facilities in affected areas; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 194, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 194, S.D. 1.

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

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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SR 194	AEN			03/24/2021	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		\checkmark			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)					
ACASIO, Laura					
RHOADS, Karl					
FEVELLA, Kurt		\checkmark			
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