

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1293

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 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



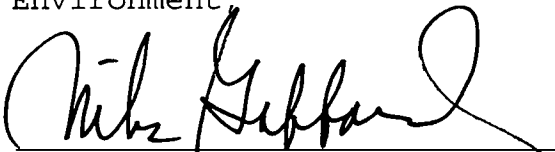
plant materials will benefit growers by enhancing the Department of Agriculture's ability to prevent the entry of invasive species into the State.

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



