

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1659-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 92

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 92 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ASSIST COFFEE FARMERS IN PURCHASING ORGANIC FERTILIZER TO PREVENT COFFEE LEAF RUST,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to assist coffee farmers in purchasing organic fertilizer to prevent coffee leaf rust.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawai'i SEED, and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that in 2020, coffee leaf rust was discovered for the first time in the State on the islands of Hawaii and Maui. Considered to be one of the most damaging diseases of coffee plants, coffee leaf rust has since spread to the islands of Kauai, Lanai, Molokai, and Oahu. Your Committee further finds that the spread of coffee leaf rust on all Hawaiian Islands threatens the viability of the State's coffee industry, and therefore, the adoption of organic disease management strategies such as improving tree health is vital to containing this damaging disease.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 92 and recommends its adoption.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

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| Bill/Resolution No.: HCR92 | Committee Referral: AGR | Date: 3/23/2022 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| AGR Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. LOWEN, Nicole E. | ✓ | | | |
| 4. MARTEN, Lisa | | ✓ | | |
| 5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. | | ✓ | | |
| 6. TODD, Chris | ✓ | | | |
| 7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane | | ✓ | | |
| 8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren | ✓ | | | |
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| TOTAL (8) | 5 | 3 | | |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Mark J. Hashem</i> | | | | |
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