

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2613**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2327

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2327 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with agricultural growers and researchers to develop and implement a program to safely distribute disease and insect free tropical plant materials to Hawaii farmers;
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to specify plant species and varieties that warrant additional regulations; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the State's tropical flower industry is an important part of the agricultural sector. There is concern, however, that certain diseases that affect tropical



flowers and foliage have caused a decline in the industry. This measure reduces the risks to the tropical flower industry by requiring the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with agricultural growers to implement a program to safely distribute disease and insect free plant materials to farmers.

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 S.B. No. 2327 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2327	AEN, WAM	02/09/22
<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)	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/	
ACASIO, Laura	/	
RHOADS, Karl	/	
FEVELLA, Kurt	/	
TOTAL	5	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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