STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2798

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 4 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2907

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. 2907 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to classify coffee leaf rust as an invasive species in its administrative rules and direct available funding to mitigation efforts, research, and prevention or control actions of coffee leaf rust.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii; Hawaii Coffee Association; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Rusty's Hawaiian, LLC; Isla Custom Coffees; Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Invasive Species Council.

Your Committee finds that coffee leaf rust poses a substantial threat to Hawaii's coffee industry. This measure addresses an urgent need for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to direct resources to combat coffee leaf rust in the State.

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. 2907 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 AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)					
ACASIO, Laura					
RHOADS, Karl					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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