

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2299

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2908

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. 2908 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PLANT QUARANTINE BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to expand state-run quarantine facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture's plant quarantine branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Coffee Association; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Kauai Coffee Company, LLC; Maui Coffee Association; Rusty's Hawaiian, LLC; Island Sun Coffee; Growing Together Edible Landscaping; Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the rapid response to newly detected invasive species can prevent the species from becoming firmly established. However, state resources must also be deployed to combat invasive species already established in the State. The Department of Agriculture requires access to greater resources to fulfill its dual mandate to prevent and combat invasive species in the State. This measure assists the



Department of Agriculture by appropriating funds to expand state-run quarantine facilities.

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. 2908 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

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2908	AEN, WAM	02/07/22		
<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	4	1		
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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