

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2350

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2909

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. 2909 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide a certification process for privately-owned and operated plant quarantine facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Kauai Coffee Company, LLC; Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; Hala Tree Coffee; Island Sun Coffee; Maui Coffee Association; Rusty's Hawaiian, LLC; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Hawaii Coffee Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kona Coffee Farmers Association and Rancho Aloha.

Your Committee finds that existing state-owned quarantine facilities have insufficient capacity to mitigate the threat of invasive diseases and species. Allowing privately-owned and operated facilities to perform the functions of state-owned facilities would reduce stress on state-owned facilities. This measure increases the State's plant quarantine capacity by providing a permitting process for privately-owned and operated plant quarantine facilities. Your Committee notes the testimony submitted by the Department of Agriculture expressing the concern



that the use of privately-owned and operated facilities may create an inherently higher risk of invasive species.

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. 2909 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:		
SB 2909	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		/		
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	3	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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