

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2972

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. 2972 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to deposit revenue from the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Control Branch into the Animal Industry Special Fund and to allow funds from the special fund to be expended to make laboratory improvements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the State Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Control Branch of the Department of Agriculture plays an important role in protecting Hawaii's agricultural industry from diseases and other threats. However, the State Veterinary Laboratory often requires improvements to maintain its operations. This measure supports improvements to the laboratory by depositing certain revenues in the Animal Industry Special Fund and allowing expenditures from the special fund to be used for laboratory improvements.

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. 2972 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 2972	AEN, WAM	02/14/22		
<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			/
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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