

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2887

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2988  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2988 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Agriculture for the control and mitigation of the two-lined spittlebug and to fund recovery efforts for lands damaged by the pest.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Parker Ranch, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Ulupalakua Ranch, Haleakala Ranch; Barbed S. Ranch, LLC; and eight individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the two-lined spittlebug is devastating to Hawaii's cattle industry and threatens the State's goals of food security and food self-sufficiency. Two-lined spittlebug infestations reduce the quality of forage and pastures by killing key forage species or reducing their nutritional value,




palatability, and productivity. Your Committee recognizes that the mitigation and recovery efforts funded by this measure will help the State address an invasive species that directly affects local food production.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2988, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2988, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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| SB2988                  | AEN, WAM            | 2/23/22 |

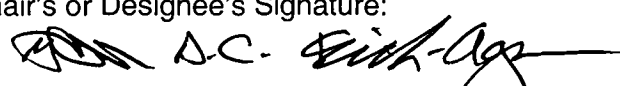
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

| Members                         | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)       | X   |          |     |         |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC) | X   |          |     |         |
| INOUYE, Lorraine R.             |     | X        |     |         |
| KANUHA, Dru Mamo                | X   |          |     |         |
| KIDANI, Michelle N.             | X   |          |     |         |
| MISALUCHA, Bennette E.          |     | X        |     |         |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.             | X   |          |     |         |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.         | X   |          |     |         |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T.             |     | X        |     |         |
| WAKAI, Glenn                    | X   |          |     |         |
| FEVELLA, Kurt                   | X   |          |     |         |
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Recommendation:     Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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