

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2988

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. 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:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the control and mitigation of the two-lined spittlebug and for recovery efforts for lands damaged by the two-lined spittlebug; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Local Food Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Parker Ranch, Inc.; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Big Island Invasive Species Committee.

Your Committee finds that the two-lined spittlebug is an invasive species that attacks key forage grasses used by the livestock ranching industry. Infestations of the two-lined



spittlebug reduce the quality of forage pastures by irreparably damaging important grasses. Grasses destroyed by the two-lined spittlebug also often must be replanted. This measure appropriates funds to combat infestations of the two-lined spittlebug and to support recovery efforts.

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. 2988 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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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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Clarence K. Nishihara

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