

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3568

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 169

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.C.R. No. 169 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROCESS TO CERTIFY PRIVATELY-OWNED AND OPERATED PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a process to certify privately-owned and operated plant quarantine facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Coffee Association.

Your Committee finds that coffee leaf rust is a devastating fungal pathogen that poses a significant danger to Hawaii's coffee industry. While replacing existing coffee plants with rust-resistant varieties imported from overseas is a promising long-term solution to the threat posed by coffee leaf rust, the lack of adequate plant quarantine capacity limits its viability. This measure requests the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a process to certify privately-owned and operated plant quarantine facilities, which will significantly expand the State's capacity to import rust-resistant coffee plants.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,

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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 169</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN</i>	Date: <i>03/28/22</i>		
<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	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Laura Acasio</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes