

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 416

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 646

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 646 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens for the purposes of prevention, production, and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, East Oahu County Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and four individuals.


Your Committees find that *Alpinia purpurata*, or ornamental ginger, is a popular and culturally significant plant in the State that is commonly used in tropical landscaping. Your Committees further find that due to a proliferation in emergent pathogens, commercial production of ornamental ginger in the State declined by forty-six percent between 2014 and 2018. As concerns developed, researchers and extension agents at the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources performed a statewide survey and causal agent identification study and found a combination of six viruses to be the cause of the



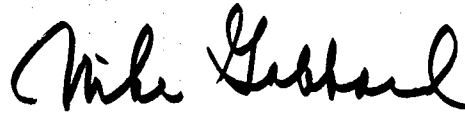
ornamental ginger's decline, with other pathogens and ornamental ginger genetic variations as possible contributing factors. This measure appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to support their ongoing efforts for statewide research, mitigation, and prevention of pathogens affecting the ornamental ginger plant in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 646 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

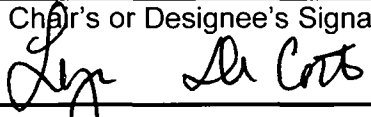


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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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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)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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