

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3063

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 13 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2133

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Invasive Species Grant Pilot Program to provide grants through the Department of Agriculture to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in the State that is owned by the individual, business, or organization; and
- (2) Appropriate an unspecified amount of funds to provide grants under the Invasive Species Grant Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Living Life Source Foundation; Waiehu Land, L.L.C.; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there are property owners in the State who would like to eradicate invasive species, such as coqui frogs, in and on their property, but are unable to adequately do



so because of financial factors. This measure provides financial assistance to make it affordable for individuals, businesses, and organizations to eradicate the invasive species like coqui frogs on their property, thus further mitigating the spread of invasive species in the State.

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 H.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, 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,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2133, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03/11/24</b>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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