

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2419  
S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2419 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Agriculture's biosecurity program to develop and implement projects for clean seed and new varietal improvements, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Honolulu City Council; Hawaii Young Republicans; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Farmers Union; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose a significant risk to Hawaii's agriculture, environment, natural resources, public health, and economy. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Agriculture is required to implement the comprehensive biosecurity program to control and prevent



increasing threats of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms lacking a permit from entering and spreading throughout the State. Your Committee recognizes the Department's need for further appropriations to effectuate the biosecurity program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making a technical nonsubstantive amendment 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. 2419, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1.

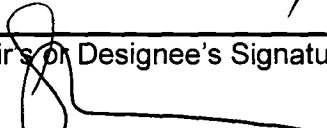
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2419	AEN, WAM	2/23/2024		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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