

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3064

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 13 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2139
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. 2139, 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) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement an invasive species inspection placard program to:
 - (A) Enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer; and
 - (B) Inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers; and
- (2) Appropriate an unspecified amount of funds to mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and three individuals.



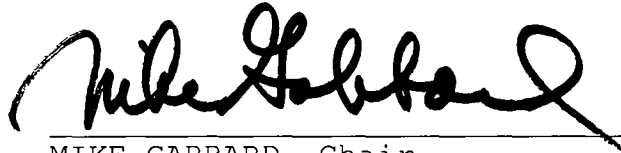
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

Your Committee finds that horticultural trade is a high-risk pathway through which invasive pests, such as little fire ants and coconut rhinoceros beetles, are spread around the State. This measure not only will help restrict the movement of plants from a nursery, farm, or agriculture-related business that are infested with little fire ants or coconut rhinoceros beetles, but also help control the spread of these invasive pests within each island and across 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. 2139, 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,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second 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)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)		X		
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
TOTAL	4	1	0	0

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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