

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2414**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2411
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 Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2411 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (2) Appropriate \$800,000 for the mitigation and control of the two-lined spittlebug and the recovery of areas affected by the infestation of two-lined spittlebugs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; Ka 'Ohana O Na Pua; Ulupono Initiative LLC; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ponoholo Ranch, Limited; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the invasive two-lined spittlebug not only threatens the State's pasture lands and emerging cattle industry, but also the flora in watersheds and other natural areas

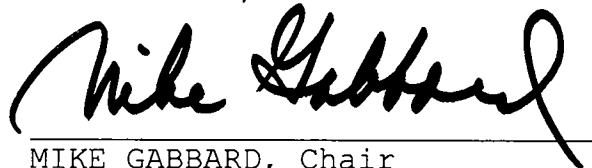


critical to the environment and cultural resources of the State. According to testimony received by your Committee, the two-lined spittlebug not only damages forage grasses, but also leaves pasture land vulnerable to soil loss and other invasive weeds, such as fireweed and wild blackberry. This measure will protect both the ranching industry and natural areas of the State against the effects of the two-lined spittlebug by funding the implementation of chemical and mechanical controls, biocontrol and best practices for managing pasture lands, and the reseeded of areas affected by infestation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2411, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2411, S.D. 1, 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)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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