

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **702**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 646
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 646 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to respond to threats posed by plant pathogens to the commercial production of ornamental ginger.

More specifically, the measure appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii for:

- (1) Statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens;
- (2) Prevention of the spread of these pathogens;
- (3) Production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants; and
- (4) Outreach to producers of ornamental ginger plants.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, East Oahu County Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Aina Ho`okupu o Kilauea, Waimanalo Agricultural Association,



Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and five individuals.

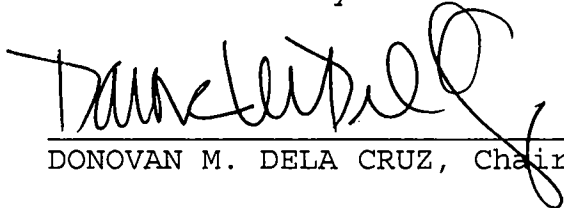
Your Committee finds that this measure's multi-faceted approach to addressing existing and emerging plant pathogens affecting the commercial production of ornamental ginger will help to control and prevent the spread of these pathogens and thus protect the health of ornamental ginger plants and their long-term sustainability as a floriculture product.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$125,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments 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. 646, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 646, 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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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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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