

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1931
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1931 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help protect Hawaii's
lucrative macadamia-nut industry by appropriating:

- (1) \$360,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Department of
Agriculture to research and develop methods for the
prevention and treatment of macadamia felted coccid in
cooperation with the College of Tropical Agriculture and
Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
and
- (2) \$735,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the College of
Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the
University of Hawaii at Manoa to research and develop
methods for the prevention and treatment of macadamia
felted coccid in cooperation with the Department of
Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture; College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at
Manoa; Royal Hawaiian Orchards LP; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
MacFarms of Hawaii, LLC; and several concerned individuals
supported the bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the amount of the appropriations; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that fiscal determinations are within the purview of your Committee on Finance. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests that, if your Committee on Finance chooses to advance this bill:

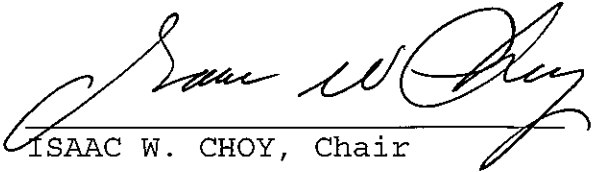
- (1) The sum of \$260,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) The sum of \$835,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 be appropriated to the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and
- (3) Funding be provided for a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) entomologist position for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

In addition, your Committee respectfully requests that should your Committee on Finance decide to consider this measure, the appropriations' lapsing date set forth in section 4 of the bill be changed to June 30, 2016.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1931, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1931, H.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 429-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1931	Committee Referral: AGR, HED, FIN	Date: 2/11/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHOY, Isaac W. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. AWANA, Karen	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.				✓
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
11. FALE, Richard Lee	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 300px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Linda Ichiyama</i>				
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