

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1403

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1403 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the infestation of little fire ants in the County of Hawaii by requiring, and providing funding to, the Department of Agriculture to:

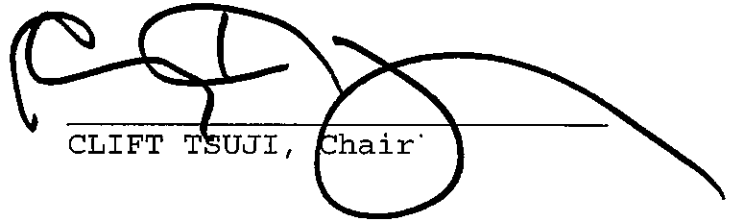
- (1) Develop and implement a pilot Pesticide Treatment Coupon Project that would distribute coupons redeemable for qualifying pesticides at suppliers and vendors by individuals who have reported and verified the presence of little fire ants on their property; and
- (2) Create a map that indicates all little fire ant sites in the County of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, 'Ai Pohaku, Three Roads Farm, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. A concerned individual supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments on this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1403 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1403 | Committee Referral: AGR, FIN | Date: 2/10/2015 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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) | | | | |
| AGR Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. TSUJI, Clift (C) | / | | | |
| 2. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. BROWER, Tom | | | | / |
| 4. CACHOLA, Romy M. | / | | | |
| 5. CHOY, Isaac W. | / | | | |
| 6. ITO, Ken | | | | / |
| 7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. | / | | | |
| 8. KONG, Sam Satoru | / | | | |
| 9. OHNO, Takashi | / | | | |
| 10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane | / | | | |
| 11. WOODSON, Justin H. | / | | | |
| 12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani | / | | | |
| 13. WARD, Gene | / | | | |
| TOTAL (13) | 11 | | | 2 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: | | | | |
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