

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 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 Finance, 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 allow the Department of Agriculture to be more proactive and aggressive in implementing its program to eradicate the invasive little fire ant in the County of Hawaii by requiring the Department, and appropriating funds, to:

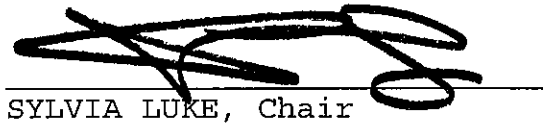
- (1) Develop and implement a pilot Pesticide Treatment Coupon Project that would distribute coupons redeemable for qualifying pesticides at suppliers and vendors by individuals who have reported and verified the presence of little fire ants on their property; and
- (2) Create a map that indicates all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

Two Councilmembers from Hawaii County Districts 3 and 9, Maui Chamber of Commerce, and Hawaii Farm Bureau testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Pest Control Association, and a concerned individual provided comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance 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 Third Reading.

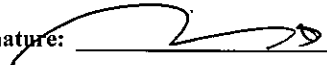
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1403	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/26/15		
<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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
14. POUHA, Feki	/			
15. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (15)	15			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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