

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1546  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1546, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and  
appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii to develop a plan  
for the statewide eradication of mosquitos.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Land and  
Natural Resources, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that mosquitos are considered vectors of  
diseases that negatively affect humans and wildlife. Without  
sufficient eradication efforts, mosquito-borne disease such as  
dengue fever and Zika virus are likely to become established in  
Hawaii.

Your Committee further finds that mosquito eradication  
techniques have been developed and tested in multiple mosquito-  
affected regions of the world. Locally, the University of Hawaii,  
in partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the United States Fish and  
Wildlife Service, have researched mosquito control technologies



that could potentially benefit native wildlife and human health in Hawaii. This measure would provide additional resources for the University of Hawaii to continue its work to eradicate mosquitoes from Hawaii to protect public health and native species in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the appropriated funds are prohibited from being used for travel expenses; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1546, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1546 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/19/19</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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