

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2019

RE: H.B. No. 201
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 201, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that certain agencies and its employees have the authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that invasive species are persistent and an ongoing issue that is detrimental to the State's various industries, ecosystem, and quality of life. Invasive species can swiftly and permanently alter the ecosystem of the State if not effectively and efficiently eradicated. Your Committee further finds that it is critically important to address a new invasive pest species as soon as it is detected to ensure the protection of the State's ecosystem. This measure will clarify the power of an



authorized agent to enter private property when there is reasonable suspicion that an invasive species is present to ensure the rapid and complete removal of such species and pests.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 201, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirtieth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 201 HD1 SD1	Committee Referral: AEN, JDC	Date: 3/29/19		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes