

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2450

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2719
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2719 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and thirty individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the feral pig population has been particularly damaging on farms and ranches statewide, where their numbers have been growing exponentially. Your Committee also notes that feral pigs pose a significant threat to local economies by destroying agricultural crops and livestock, damaging Hawaii's ecology by invasive seed dispersal and competition with native wildlife, and posing a threat to human health and safety.

Your Committee further finds that appropriating funds to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants for fencing and corral




traps, and to introduce a program to reduce feral pig populations, will help protect the land and agricultural communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to increase feral pig control;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for feral pig control; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2719, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2719, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2719	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 02/03/2020		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes