

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1040

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1040 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help address the threat of invasive species in Hawaii by:

- (1) Directing the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to contract with the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to establish an economic model formula that establishes the impact and cost of mitigating invasive species in the State, and appropriating funds for this purpose; and
- (2) Directing the Legislative Reference Bureau to update its 2002 study on invasive species and submit the updated component to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2016.

The Oahu Invasive Species Committee, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and Hawaii Farm Bureau supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, and Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding to the scope of the economic model formula on the impact and cost of mitigating the most significant invasive species in the State;
- (2) Requiring the Legislative Reference Bureau to update its 2002 study in coordination with the Hawaii Invasive Species Council; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1040, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1040, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1040</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/10/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. POUHA, Feki	/			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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