

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **649**

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1050

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. 1050 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERISLAND MOVEMENT OF
INVASIVE SPECIES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to more efficiently address the interisland spread of invasive species that harms agriculture, native biota, public health, and the economic well-being of the State by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) through existing contracts and appropriated funds for invasive species activities to:
 - (A) Undertake specified invasive species management related to agricultural lands and agricultural and non-agricultural commodities, including developing an interisland and export tracking database; providing risk level assessments for the interisland transport of non-agricultural commodities; increasing priority inspections for the interisland transport of agricultural commodities; developing and coordinating interisland quarantine activities; implementing statewide pest management programs for potted plant, cut-flower, and cut-foilage production; and

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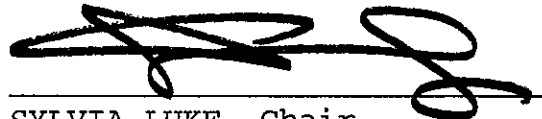
providing chemicals and equipment to assist growers in reducing infestation in agricultural areas, statewide; and

- (B) Undertake specified invasive species management on non-agricultural lands, including reducing infestation levels near or adjacent to Hilo Harbor, Hilo International Airport, and agricultural production areas in the County of Hawaii; and creating buffer areas between conservation lands and agricultural production areas in the County of Hawaii to prevent re-infestation of invasive species;
- (2) Requiring DOA and HISC to each submit annual reports to the Legislature beginning with the 2016 Regular Session; and
- (3) Appropriating moneys to fund the foregoing tasks.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, The Nature Conservancy, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species 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. 1050 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



