

STAND. COM: REP. NO.

761

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 507
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 507, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

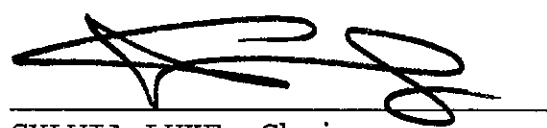
The purpose of this measure is to control the spread of the macadamia felted coccid to areas free of its infestation by appropriating funds to the Department of Agriculture to research and develop, in cooperation with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), methods for the prevention and treatment of macadamia felted coccid.

The University of Hawaii, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, and two individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture and an individual 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. 507, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



