

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2622

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 Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2622 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 appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife for invasive species technician positions in the county of Hawaii to address invasive plants and animals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, County of Hawai'i, Coral Fish Hawaii, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Your Committee further finds that despite many successes, mitigation of invasive species threats and impacts is an ongoing process that requires resources. This measure will establish invasive species technician positions in the county of Hawaii, which will mitigate the impact of invasive species on the island and will help protect the island's environment and overall health, culture, and economy.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2033, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2622, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2622, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,




KAIULANI KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2622	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 01/29/2020		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes