

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1203

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2021

RE: H.B. No. 834  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A BLACK CINDER CONE QUARRY SITE SURVEY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), in collaboration with the County of Hawaii, to conduct site surveys to identify the most suitable locations for black cinder cone quarries on the island of Hawaii;
- (2) Require DLNR, in collaboration with the County of Hawaii, to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and
- (3) Appropriate an unspecified amount to DLNR for the site survey.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Hawaii Tropical Flower Council, Orchid



Growers of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure facilitates economic recovery, not only on Hawaii island, but also for the local horticulture, floriculture, and landscaping industries. According to testimony received by your Committee, access to nematode-free cinder is essential to these industries as the cost to remove these pests can raise the price of black cinder by three hundred percent. Your Committee notes for your Committee on Ways and Means that the testimony submitted by DLNR recommends an appropriation of at least \$150,000 to cover staff time and the procurement of a geologist, mineralogist, or relevant specialist as a consultant to the site surveys required by this measure.

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 H.B. No. 834, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

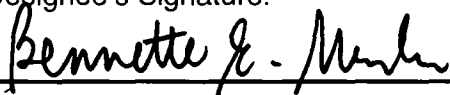
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 834, HD 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/19/2021</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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