

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1027

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1552  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 1, 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 address the impact of little fire ants.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural resources to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Kona Coffee Growers Association; Sage Farms Hawaii, LLC; Wakefield & Sons, Inc.; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Hawaii Ant Lab; Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that little fire ants are an invasive species that have a painful sting and have caused significant disruption and economic damage to Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that that the Hawaii Ant Lab was established to address the overwhelming need for research, advice, and technical assistance to address and eradicate rapidly spreading little fire ant infestations.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated from \$550,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



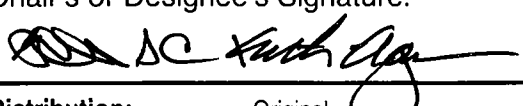
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1552, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/2/23</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 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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