

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1552
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds 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 testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Ant Lab; Puna Flower Power; Ma'alahi Farm; Kona Bae Farm; Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Huahua Farm; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Kona Coffee Farmers Association; Daifukuji Soto Mission; The Four Sens, LLC; Volcano Isle Fruit Co., Inc.; Stop LFA Kōhala; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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 S.B. No. 1552, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



