

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2024

**FEB 08**

RE: H.B. No. 2140  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 2140 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; East O'ahu County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that ornamental ginger is a popular plant that is commonly used in tropical landscape designs and floral arrangements. However, due to emerging diseases, commercial production of ornamental ginger in the State has been declining, and producers in the affected areas are clearing their lands, as they can no longer economically produce ornamental ginger. This measure supports the University of Hawaii in



performing statewide research and prevention of pathogens affecting ornamental ginger, ensuring the production of virus-free plants and development of cultural management strategies for managing virus-infected plants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2140, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2140, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2140</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR, HET, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/7/2024</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>1</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Justin H. Woodson*

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