Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2024

RF: H.B. No. 2644 H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State, including for the hiring of staff, community outreach, and operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawaii Pest Control Association; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation and number of additional positions to the Hawaii Ant Lab on Oahu to unspecified amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2.

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

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

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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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)		Market Services and the services of the servic	200 L-2000 - 0.000 - 0	
3. AIU, Micah P.K.				
4. CHUN, Cory M.				
5. COCHRAN, Elle				
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya		a tellika dinenia ara ang		But the second second
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin				
8. KILA, Darius K. 9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
11. MORIKAWA, Dee				
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				100年李帅政府联络
13. POEPOE, Mahina				
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna				
15. ALCOS III, David				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	14	D	0	2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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