

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 27 , <sup>2025</sup>

RE: H.B. No. 427 H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Rename the Department of Agriculture to the "Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity";
- (2) Rename the Board of Agriculture to the "Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity";
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds for a Deputy Director of Biosecurity;
- (4) Change references to the plant and animal declaration form to the "biosecurity form";
- (5) Authorize and specify conditions under which the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms;



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- (6) Broaden the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program; and
- (7) Appropriate funds for positions for the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Invasive Species Council; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; and Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species.

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 H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HD 427, HD2	Committee AGR	$\frac{\text{Referral}}{ HA_1 \neq  N }$	Dat	" 2/20/2	x
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
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)					
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)					
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	enti sun mito				
4. HOLT, Daniel		1,			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika		11			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L	/•				
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa					
8. KUSCH, Matthias					
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.			ed. F		
10. LEE, Mike					
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.12. MORIKAWA, Dee	Randa COLA				
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	NAME AND ADDRESS				
14. ALCOS III, David					
15. REYES ODA, Julie					ris constant in the fact
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The recommendation is: Adopted D Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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