

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025RE: S.B. No. 140
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 140, 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 require firewood imported into the State from another state to be heat-treated or imported under certain exemptions to prevent the spread of invasive pests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, Mayor of the County of Maui, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the growth and spread of invasive pests have increasingly posed a significant risk to the native wildlife in the State. A number of invasive pests and diseases have been known to travel in or on domestic firewood and pose a danger to the State's forests and natural resources. Your Committee further finds there has been a lack of progress in adopting administrative rules and regulations concerning the



standards for treating firewood imported into the State. This measure seeks to fill the existing biosecurity gap by adopting the model language of the firewood treatment standards proposed by the National Plant Board to prevent the spread of pests through firewood.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending certain requirements to the transportation or sale of firewood in the State;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 140, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 140, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB140 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN, CPN</i>	Date: <i>2/19/25</i>		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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