STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1483

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 746

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

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

## Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 746, 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 establish and appropriate funds for a two-year Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Pilot Program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide community-based incentives to eradicate the coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Windward Coalition; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the coconut rhinoceros beetle poses a severe threat to Hawaii's native and agricultural landscapes. Since its initial detection in 2013, the beetle has rapidly expanded across Oahu and has been identified on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island, causing widespread damage to tree canopies, diminishing natural habitats, and undermining reforestation and conservation efforts. To mitigate further spread and destruction,

this measure establishes a two-year Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, prioritizing coordinated eradication strategies and public participation to safeguard Hawaii's natural resources, native ecosystems, and agricultural sustainability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 746, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water & Land,

MARK J. HAShEM, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives

The Thirty-third Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

SB746 SD2 HDI	Committee Referral: AGP, WAL, FIN	Date	3/20/2	25
☐ 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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is:  Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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