

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 746
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 746 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a two-year Community-Incentive Based Pilot Program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources to eradicate the coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Invasive Species Council.

Your Committees find that the coconut rhinoceros beetle poses a significant threat to the State's tropical plants, including hala and taro, which are integral to Native Hawaiian practices. Your Committees further find that the protection of these plants is essential for preserving local traditions and maintaining a balanced ecosystem. This measure incentivizes community members to collect and submit coconut rhinoceros beetles and its larvae to



the Department of Land and Natural Resources for compensation, which will hasten the eradication of this invasive species.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 746, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 746, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



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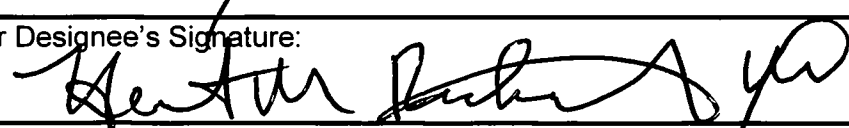
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DECOITE, Lynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
AWA, Brenton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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