

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 25
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 Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 25 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage each county to:

- (1) Establish its own biosecurity plan that prioritizes the needs of the county;
- (2) Collaborate with other counties with the State, including the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Invasive Species Council, in developing its biosecurity plan; and
- (3) Share its findings and biosecurity plan with the State, including the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Invasive Species Council.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, and Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species.



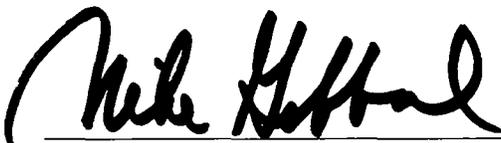
Your Committees find that each Hawaiian island faces unique biosecurity challenges, necessitating a localized approach to biosecurity planning and response. Your Committees further find that the statewide Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan ends in 2027, making the need for additional biosecurity planning even more urgent. According to testimony received by your Committees, counties are completely preempted by state law from banning or regulating the movement of pests or other invasive species or material infested with a pest or invasive species, and that a comprehensive county-level biosecurity plan could assist the State in targeting resources to the highest impact programs and help counties fill gaps in addressing their biosecurity needs that are not otherwise preempted.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requesting each county biosecurity plan to identify proposals for legislative changes at the state and county levels to promote biosecurity; 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 Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 25, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 25, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Intergovernmental Affairs and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
EIG

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR25	Committee Referral: EIG/AEN	Date: 3/21/25		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			X
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	X			X
DECOITE, Lynn				
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

