STAND. COM. REP. NO. 649

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1050

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1050 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERISLAND MOVEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to more efficiently address the interisland spread of invasive species that harms agriculture, native biota, public health, and the economic well-being of the State by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) through existing contracts and appropriated funds for invasive species activities to:
 - (A) Undertake specified invasive species management related to agricultural lands and agricultural and non-agricultural commodities, including developing an interisland and export tracking database; providing risk level assessments for the interisland transport of non-agricultural commodities; increasing priority inspections for the interisland transport of agricultural commodities; developing and coordinating interisland quarantine activities; implementing statewide pest management programs for potted plant, cut-flower, and cut-foliage production; and

providing chemicals and equipment to assist growers in reducing infestation in agricultural areas, statewide; and

- (B) Undertake specified invasive species management on non-agricultural lands, including reducing infestation levels near or adjacent to Hilo Harbor, Hilo International Airport, and agricultural production areas in the County of Hawaii; and creating buffer areas between conservation lands and agricultural production areas in the County of Hawaii to prevent re-infestation of invasive species;
- (2) Requiring DOA and HISC to each submit annual reports to the Legislature beginning with the 2016 Regular Session; and
- (3) Appropriating moneys to fund the foregoing tasks.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, The Nature Conservancy, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, and the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species provided comments.

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. 1050 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1050	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: 2/26/15	
☐ 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. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. POUHA, Feki				
15. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (15)	15			
The recommendation is: Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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