

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2352

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2771  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2771 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Agriculture to establish or participate in public-private partnerships to enhance the biosecurity program and quarantine inspection process; provided that Department employees perform the actual inspections;
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to establish requirements for biosecurity facilities; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to enable the Department of Agriculture to complete the implementation of the biosecurity program to include an integrated computer manifest system.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association.



Your Committees find that the unchecked spread of invasive species is one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Your Committees further find that the Department of Agriculture's biosecurity program is vital to the public's health and welfare. While inspections are critical, building local capacity through public-private partnerships to increase the State's ability to stop the entry of high-risk products would enhance the State's ability to mitigate and manage invasive species, not only to protect the fragile environment, but to grow the local agricultural industries and increase levels of self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Your Committees also find that it is necessary to ensure that confidential business information is protected during the quarantine inspection process.

Your Committees have therefore amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require that actual access to shipping documents is limited to shipping companies and Department of Agriculture personnel; 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, Land, and Agriculture and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2771, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2771, 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, Land, and  
Agriculture and Economic  
Development, Environment, and  
Technology,



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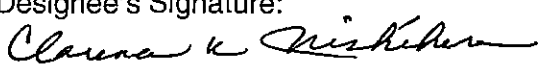
GLENN WAKAI, Chair

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MIKE GABBARD, Chair

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		/
THIELEN, Laura H.		/
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
SLOM, Sam	/	
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
ESPERO, Will	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
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