

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2805

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2799  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2799, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enhance the State's invasive species programs and restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council into a new entity, the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, to be administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Green Growth, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, Kauai Watershed Alliance, Local Food Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Oahu Invasive Species Committee, Ulupono Initiative, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association and one individual.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose constant threats to flora, fauna, agriculture, and public health in the State. Establishing the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority as an

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attached agency of the Department of Agriculture and enhancing the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs will help protect the environment, human health, culture, and the economy.


Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority should be required to include, in its annual reports to the Legislature, updates on the authority's biosecurity efforts and the direct assistance those efforts provide to agriculture and farmers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing appropriation amounts of \$900,000 for Hawaii Invasive Species Authority administration and \$10,000,000 for programs of the authority to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Adding updates on biosecurity efforts and direct assistance to agriculture and farmers to the authority's required annual report contents; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2799, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2799, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>SB 2799, SD 1</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>EET/WLA, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>3/1/16</b> |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                        |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br/>2312</span> <span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br/>2311</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br/>2310</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br/>2313</span> </div> |  |                        |     |         |
| Members  | Aye  | Aye (WR)               | Nay | Excused |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)  | /  |                        |     |         |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)   | /  |                        |     |         |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne  | /  |                        |     |         |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani   | /  |                        |     |         |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood   | /  |                        |     |         |
| HARIMOTO, Breene   | /  |                        |     |         |
| INOUE, Lorraine R.   | /  |                        |     |         |
| RIVIERE, Gil   | /  |                        |     |         |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T.  |  |                        |     | /       |
| WAKAI, Glenn   | /  |                        |     |         |
| SLOM, Sam  |  |                        | /   |         |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                        |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |  |                        |     |         |
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