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Honolulu, Hawaii Foonary 17, 2017 RE: H.B. No. 1472

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Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1472 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAPID OHIA DEATH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help respond to the potential catastrophic loss of Hawaii's native ohia forests by appropriating \$160,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$460,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 for rapid ohia death research to be conducted by the Daniel K. Inouye United States Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, County of Hawaii, University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Green Growth, The Nature Conservancy - Hawaii Program, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, a member of the Hawaii County Council, Rapid Ohia Death Statewide Coordinator, and four concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

 Making an additional appropriation for fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for early detection of rapid ohia death



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through remote-sensing flights; aerial and ground survey work; statewide survey crews; Digital Mobile Sketch Mapping from helicopters; and other personnel, supplies, equipment, and resources as needed -- all to be conducted by the United States Forest Service in Hilo;

- (2) Making an additional appropriation for fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for rapid ohia death research to be conducted by the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, including the employment of an entomology post-doctoral fellow; technical laboratory support; and field and laboratory supplies, equipment, and other necessary materials or items;
- (3) Making all appropriation amounts an unspecified sum;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance choose to deliberate further on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating:

- (1) \$1,000,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for early detection of rapid ohia death through remotesensing flights; aerial and ground survey work; statewide survey crews; Digital Mobile Sketch Mapping from helicopters; and other personnel, supplies, equipment, and resources as needed; and
- (2) \$270,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for rapid ohia death research to be conducted by the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, including the employment of an entomology post-doctoral fellow; technical laboratory support; and field and laboratory supplies, equipment, and other necessary materials or items.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your



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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1472, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1472, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1472 Committee		e Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: FEB 15, 2017		
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) 						
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The recommendation is: Image: Adopted image: Adopt						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Lyn Or Grot						
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