STAND. COM. REP. NO. 379

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15 , 2017

RE: H.B. No. 228 H.D. 2

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. 228, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE PLANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's environment from the spread of invasive species by using an objective rating system called the Hawaii Pacific Weed Risk Assessment to designate which plants will be on the restricted plants list and noxious weeds list.

The Conservation Council for Hawaii and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 31, 2150, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 228, H.D. 2.

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

RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 228 HD 1	Committee Referral: EEP, AGR, F	IN Date	2-8-1	7
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CREAGAN, Richard P. (C)				
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)				
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
1 INC Kariola				
4. ING, Kaniela				
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg			8 m. 18 m	Albaniis (1866) Salain (1866) Albanii (1866) Albani
7. THIELEN, Cynthia				

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TOTAL (7)				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Le Corto				
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