Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3

2017

RE: H.B. No. 481

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate a more proactive and aggressive implementation of the Department of Agriculture's current little fire ant program by:

- (1) Establishing a Pilot Pesticide Treatment Coupon Project within the current little fire ant program;
- (2) Creating a little fire ant site map for the County of Hawaii; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for purposes of the coupon project and the site map.

The Hawaii County Council, a member of the Hawaii County Council, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Pest Control Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Little Fire Ant HUI, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, Office of the Mayor of Hawaii County, Coordinating

Group on Alien Pest Species, and a few concerned individuals submitted 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. 481, H.D. 1, 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-ninth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee HB 481, HD1 EEP/ A6		Referral: Date		ate: 2 - 24 - 1	2-24-2017	
☐ 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)						
FIN Membe	ers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)						
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)		~				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.					1.	
4. CHOY, Isaac W.						
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				:		
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega						
7. HOLT, Daniel					25 S	
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarr	rett					
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrane	d	<u> </u>				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.						
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				·		
12. NAKAMURA, Nadine I	Κ.					
13. TOKIOKA, James Kun	ane					
14. QUINLAN, Sean						
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
16. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.						
17. WARD, Gene						
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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