

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

732

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 272
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 272, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support programs, studies, and activities related to the prevention and eradication of rat lungworm disease by appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United, Farm to Keiki, and thirty-one individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that rat lungworm disease is a relatively new, but very serious, pathogen that plagues fresh produce grown in Hawaii. Over the past fifteen years, cases of rat lungworm disease in Hawaii have been increasing in number and severity, in particular throughout areas of the Island of Hawaii and more recently affecting Maui as well. The rat lungworm



parasite is primarily carried through the activity of rats and slugs, and can cause a rare type of meningitis that is extremely painful, debilitating, and even deadly. Furthermore, the medical expenses associated with contracting rat lungworm disease can be over \$1,000,000. Your Committees find that the more the public understands the hazards of this disease, the less of a public health issue it will become, but that more research is also vital to understanding and preventing this disease. Your Committees note the significant amount of supportive testimony submitted on this measure, and recognize the need for vigorous, coordinated efforts to effectively combat this public health concern.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 272, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 272, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health
and Ways and Means,



JILL N. TORUDA, Chair

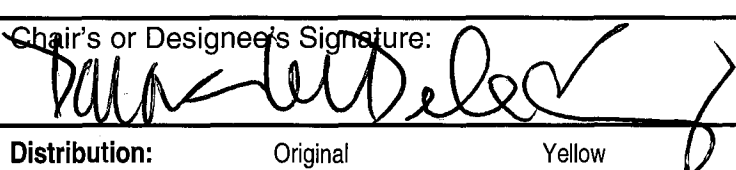


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 272, SD1	HRE/WTL/AEN, CPH/WAM	8/28/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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