STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 0 3 2017

RE: S.B. No. 353

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 353 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for plans of a biological control containment facility on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and The Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture recently released its *Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan*, which states that in order for biosecurity to work, the Department of Agriculture's biocontrol program needs adequate resources, including state-of-the-art biocontrol facilities, equipped to develop effective biocontrol for some of Hawaii's high-impact and widespread invasive species that are difficult to control through conventional methods. Your Committee finds that funding is needed to update the current, antiquated biological control containment facility into a state-of-the-art laboratory to reach the goals of the biosecurity plan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



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S.B. No. 353 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,  $\wedge$ 

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)		×		· .	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		×			
RHOADS, Karl		4	4		
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		×.			
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