

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2116

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2116 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the biosecurity emergency response special fund within the Department of Agriculture and appropriate funds for rapid response to terrestrial and aquatic biosecurity emergencies at or beyond ports so that newly detected threats may be immediately addressed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Coffee Association, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

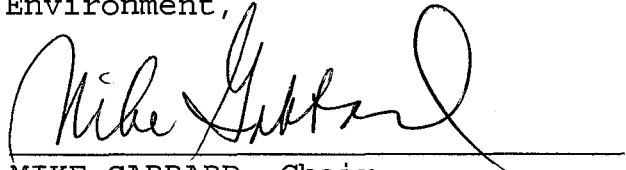
Your Committee finds that rapid response to newly detected terrestrial and aquatic biosecurity emergencies in the State is essential to prevent biosecurity threats from becoming firmly established, thus saving taxpayers money in the long term. State agencies currently lack resources and a mechanism to quickly respond to new threats and, therefore, may be missing opportunities to eliminate those threats. Your Committee finds



that this measure provides such a mechanism to enable the Department of Agriculture to take necessary action quickly to protect Hawaii's agriculture, commerce, economy, environment, and public health.

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 S.B. No. 2116 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,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center;">SB 2116</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center;">AEN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center;">1/29/18</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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