STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2833

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 2 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2574

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2574 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 for a biological control containment facility on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that biological control, or reuniting an invasive species in Hawaii with a carefully tested and narrowly targeted pest from the invasive species' native range, is one of the most cost-effective and safe methods for controlling invasive species in Hawaii. The pathogen containment facility for biological control research at the Department of Agriculture, however, has been non-operational for several years. Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture needs a state-of-the-art biological control facility to meet safety standards and control invasive species in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2574 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chai

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

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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					
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DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		Х			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		X			
HARIMOTO, Breene		Χ			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		Х			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i		Χ			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
RIVIERE, Gil		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			X
WAKAI, Glenn		X			
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