

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2082  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2082 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to develop or identify a substitute for invasive plant species.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i System, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that most invasive plant species are introduced as nursery or landscape plants, which are prolific seed producers. Landscapers use many of these invasive plants to beautify resort landscapes, unfortunately, there is a lack of appropriate substitutes for many of the invasive plants. Your Committees further find that scientists at the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) have developed techniques to produce seedless plants, which are vegetatively propagated. Important nursery plants, once sterilized, can be grown and used for landscaping without any



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possibility that these plants will reproduce and become invasive. Your Committees conclude that finding a substitute for invasive plant species is in the interest of the State.

Your Committees acknowledge the current list of polyploids that CTAHR is currently researching, as referenced in CTAHR's testimony, and find that research should continue with focus on those plants. Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing a general fund appropriation of \$97,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for CTAHR to develop or identify a substitute for invasive plant species, to include current research on sterile, non-seed-producing forms of polyploids and exclude highly invasive plant species that are listed on the department of agriculture's noxious weed list, and plants with a high score on the University of Hawaii's weed risk assessment; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

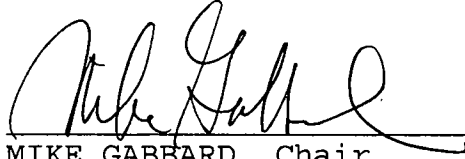
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2082, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2082, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Higher  
Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

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MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2082</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN / HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/11/2020</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" 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			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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