

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1714

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 119  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM THAT USES WOLBACHIA BACTERIA TO REDUCE MOSQUITO POPULATION LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and University of Hawaii to develop and implement a mosquito control program that uses *Wolbachia* bacteria to reduce mosquito population levels throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i, and American Bird Conservancy. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

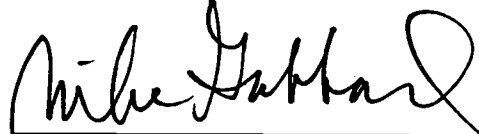


Your Committee finds that mosquito-borne diseases, including the Zika virus, West Nile virus, Chikungunya virus, dengue fever, and avian malaria, are spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and that the control of mosquito populations throughout Hawaii is therefore necessary to protect the health and well-being of the State's residents and animals. Your Committee further finds that *Wolbachia* is a naturally occurring bacteria present in a high percentage of all insects and has been used successfully around the world in suppressing populations of pest mosquitoes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**AEN**

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HCR 119 HD1	AEN, WAM	04/09/2021		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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