

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

955

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 05 2021**

RE: S.B. No. 479  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 479, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to minimize the risk of disease and pest introduction in the State.

More specifically, this measure requires the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with agricultural growers and researchers to develop and implement a program to safely distribute disease- and insect-free tropical plant materials to Hawaii farmers.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hawaii Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the importation of flowers and foliage from outside the State creates an elevated risk of inadvertently introducing destructive insects and diseases to the State's farms and plant nurseries. Your Committee further finds that the program established by this measure would provide a safe

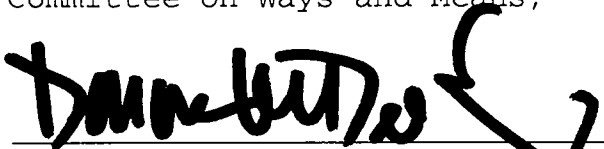


way for disease- and insect-free tropical plant materials to be distributed within the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 479, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 479, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

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<i>SB 479, SD 1</i>	<i>AEN, WAM</i>	<i>3/4/21</i>

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>10</i>			<i>1</i>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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