

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2580**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2996

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2996 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate \$600,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, extension, and control of the little fire ant and other harmful ants.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawaii Pest Control Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Makaha Mangoes Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Susan's Nuts, LLC; Stop LFA Kohala; Growing Together Edible Landscaping; Hawaii Ant Lab; Neudorff North America; Hawaii Island School Garden Network; Kuaiwi Farm; and fifteen individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Malamaki Farm School. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and one member of the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board.

Your Committees find that invasive species, such as the little fire ant, pose a threat to human health, wildlife, agriculture, and tourism in the State. If left unaddressed, growing populations of little fire ants threaten Hawaii's



residents and tourists. This measure appropriates funds to mitigate and control the threat posed by the little fire ant.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2996 and recommend that it pass Second Reading 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 Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2990	<u>AEN</u> / WTL, WAM	02/10/22

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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Clarence K. Nishihara

Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod
File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy

*Only one measure per Record of Votes

The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB2996</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN/WTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/16/22</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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Bennette E. Misalucha

Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod
File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy

*Only one measure per Record of Votes