STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1501

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 0 3 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1149

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1149, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen support for key positions within the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program.

More specifically, the measure provides funding to the University of Hawaii to support numerous permanent full-time staff positions in the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau, East Oahu County Farm Bureau, Waimanalo Agricultural Association, Island Foodscaping, Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will fund core services provided by the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Program, including the research, response, education, and

investigative work needed to maintain a successful and effective program.

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 H.B. No. 1149, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1149, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Cha

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date:			
HB1149 HD2	AEN, WAM		3/30/23			
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						
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)		Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X				
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		X				
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X				
DECOITE, Lynn		X				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X				
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X				
KIDANI, Michelle N.						
KIM, Donna Mercado		X				
LEE, Chris		X				
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X				
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X				
WAKAI, Glenn		X				
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			·	
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