

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 743
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 S.B. No. 743 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE PEST CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support and protect Hawaii's coffee industry by responding effectively to ongoing and severe threats posed by coffee pests.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Extends the sunset date of the Department of Agriculture's coffee berry borer and coffee leaf rust pesticide subsidy program to June 30, 2025;
- (2) Extends the Department of Agriculture's pesticide subsidy program manager position until June 30, 2026;
and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the program and program manager position.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Coffee Association, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, Hawaii



Farm Bureau, Kanalani Ohana Farm, Kona Restoration Farm, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure's extension of the pesticide subsidy program, which helps coffee farmers offset the costs of purchasing United States Food and Drug Administration-approved pesticides to control coffee pest infestations, will help to protect the health of the local coffee industry and ensure the continued production of this important crop.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing each of the appropriation amounts from \$150,000 to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 743, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 743, S.D. 1.

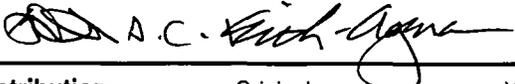
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 743	Committee Referral: WAM, WAM	Date: 2/20/23		
<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
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.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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