

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2023

RE: S.B. No. 948

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 948 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to allow the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to coordinate the removal of hazard *Albizia* trees that potentially threaten public and private land.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Energy and Climate Action Committee of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and four individuals.

Your Committees find that invasive *Albizia* trees are a major hazard to natural areas, private property, and infrastructure in the State. *Albizia* can thrive in a broad range of habitats and threaten native ecosystems by its substantial dispersal of seeds that are carried by winds over long distances. Your Committees additionally find that *Albizia* trees in Hawaii are among the fastest growing trees on Earth. Their rapid growth rate produces massive trunks and limbs that are prone to sudden breakage and the collapse of enormous live branches. This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to




coordinate the removal of *Albizia* trees that pose a hazard to public and private lands.

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. 948 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,

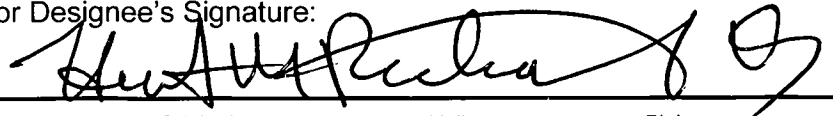

LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


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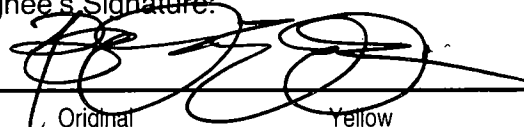
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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
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