STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023 FEB 16

H.B. No. 692 RE:

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 692 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase administrative and criminal penalties for violators of the Hawaii Pesticides Law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus, Imua Alliance, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii Pest Control Association, CropLife America, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association.

Your Committee finds that fines for violations of Hawaii Pesticide Laws have not increased for 22 years for commercial pesticide applicators and nearly 50 years for private pesticide applicators. In the last five years, the Pesticides Branch has issued and closed almost 100 notices of violations for companies or individuals who had repeat use violations. This measure seeks to protect public health and the environment and ensure more stringent enforcement of The Hawaii Pesticides Law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 692, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 692, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems,

CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 692	Committee Referral: AGR, JHA Date: 2/15/2023			3
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)				
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)		2.57		
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4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
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6. WOODSON, Justin H.	V			
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TOTAL (7)				
The recommendation is: Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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