

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1654

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 46

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 46 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A FERAL GAME MAMMAL WORKING GROUP TO FIND, SOLICIT, AND DISTRIBUTE GRANTS FOR THE CONTROL OF FERAL GAME MAMMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to convene a feral game mammal working group to find, solicit, and distribute grants for the control of feral game animals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that feral game mammals threaten the integrity and health of native ecosystems in Hawaii. Feral goats, sheep, pigs, and axis deer accelerate erosion, spread weeds and diseases, and uproot native plants. Therefore, this measure requests the Department of Agriculture to convene a working group to find, solicit, and distribute grants for the control of feral game animals to address the environmental, health, and safety concerns that they pose in the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 46 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 46	Committee Referral: AEN	Date: 03-29-23		
<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 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	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes