

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

676

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 209
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. 209 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to include a statement on desecration laws in the plant and animal declaration form.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that visitors to Hawaii should be made aware of desecration laws and one of the most effective ways to do so is by including a statement on the Department of Agriculture's plant and animal declaration form, which must be completed before arrival in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a preamble;
- (2) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (3) 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. 209, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 209, 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



