STAND. COM. REP. NO. 467-24

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 15 , 2

, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2650 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2650 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds, to be matched by public utilities companies, to the Department of Transportation for the coordinated removal of *Albizia* and other invasive trees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaiian Electric; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Albizia and other invasive trees present a threat to life, property, public roads, and utility infrastructure in the State. Albizia presents a particular danger, as it is a fast-growing tree with large, brittle branches that are more likely to fall or break in windy, rainy, or stormy weather conditions than trees of a comparable size, leading to road closures, cut utility lines, and property damage. This measure is intended to promote public safety by appropriating

funds, including matching funds, for the coordinated removal of Albizia and other invasive trees that threaten the State's public roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation,

CHRIS TODD, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2650	Committee Referral:		Date: 2/13/24		
☐ 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)					
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The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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