

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3255**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2650
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 2, 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:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the coordinated removal of albizia and other invasive trees; and
- (2) Require matching funds from public utilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Hawaiian Electric, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, and three individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committees find that albizia and other invasive trees pose a significant threat to natural areas, neighborhoods, and infrastructure because of the large, brittle limbs that are prone



to breaking and falling in windy, rainy, or stormy weather conditions. Fallen or broken albizia trees can threaten public safety by blocking evacuation routes; damaging homes; downing utility lines; or impeding access to emergency care facilities, schools, and polling places. Your Committees find it necessary to enhance public safety by supporting vegetation management to reduce threats to utility infrastructure and public roadways.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

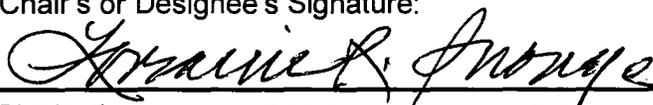


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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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	0	0	1
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