

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2629

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2079

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2079 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that many plants and animals from elsewhere in the world can be harmful to Hawaii's unique environment, agriculture, and communities. To help prevent harmful pests from being brought into the State, a Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form is required to be distributed to and collected from individuals, passengers, and crew of any flight or cruise prior to the debarkation of passengers and baggage. Your Committees further find that the existing law, as written, is ambiguous as to whether electronic forms can be used for the purposes of transmitting the Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration



Form. Therefore, this measure amends the law to clarify that the Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form may be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2079 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Energy,
Economic Development, and
Tourism,

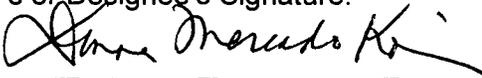

LYNN DECOITE, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2079	AEN/EET, WAM	2-14-24		
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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