STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2404

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2358

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2358 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate \$4,250,000 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and for the Hawaii
Invasive Species Council to address the invasive species crisis in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Ka 'Ohana O Na Pua, and three individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that despite the growing threat of invasive species in the State, annual net funding allocation for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (Council) has not increased in over four years. Your Committee recognizes that approximately ninety percent of the Council's funding is used as bridge funding to supplement strategic interagency projects and programs under other state agencies and as competitive grants for innovative

projects that address invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and research. This measure will provide necessary funding for the Council to ensure its viability to control and eradicate invasive species 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2358 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

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SB 2358	AEN,	WAM	_	te: 1/31/	29
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)					
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)					\
DECOITE, Lynn					
RHOADS, Karl					
AWA, Brenton					
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X Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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