

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1192 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19, 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2419  
S.D. 1  
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 Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Biosecurity Program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose an increasing risk to the State's agricultural industry and environmental health and the quality of life of its residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that this measure would bolster the

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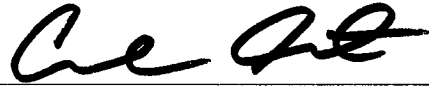
Department of Agriculture's efforts to mitigate and control risks associated with the importation and spread of invasive species.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB2419 SD1</b>		Committee Referral: <b>AGR, FIN</b>		Date: <b>03/13/2024</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>AGR Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. KAHALOA, Kirstin (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.				✓
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
7. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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