

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3503

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 163

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.R. No. 163 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4-72, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, THAT PROVIDE IMPORTANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INSECTS, DISEASES, AND OTHER INVASIVE PESTS WITHIN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture (Department) to adopt proposed amendments to chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, that provide important authorities for the Department to prevent the spread of insects, diseases, and other invasive pests within the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, and one individual.

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

Your Committee finds that the Department has proposed amendments to its administrative rules to prevent the sale of pest-infested merchandise. Your Committee recognizes that horticultural trade is one of the primary pathways through which



invasive pests are spread around the State. This measure prevents and slows the spread of invasive pests within the State, thereby protecting the State's agricultural industries, natural resources, consumers, and the public.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 163 and recommends its adoption.

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

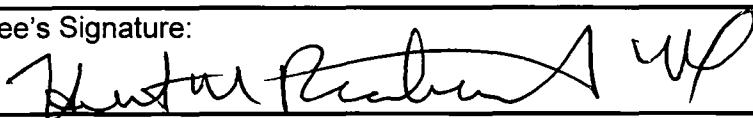


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 163	AEN	4/1/2024		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
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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