

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

547

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 1150

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 1150 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Pest Control Association, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, Mulkern Landscaping & Nursery, and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the little fire ant is one of the most devastating invasive species for Hawaii's environment and agricultural economy. Continued funding of the Hawaii Ant Lab will support efforts to manage little fire ants and develop eradication tools in the future.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

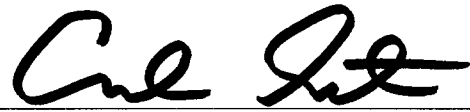
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- (1) Changing the expending agency from the University of Hawaii to the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 1150, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1150, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

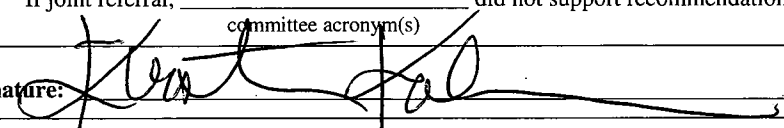
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1150	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Date: 2/10/2023		
<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)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted                 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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