Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 ' 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2079 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. 2079 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form provides an opportunity for travelers to the State to declare items that may be harboring harmful pests so that they may be intercepted and inspected for pests and other prohibited items. Your Committee further finds that an electronic version of this form may be more efficiently distributed, completed, and transmitted, thereby encouraging compliance and more accurate reporting of items for inspection and resulting in greater biosecurity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the defacing of any declaration form, regardless of whether it is paper or electronic, shall constitute a violation;
- (2) Clarifying the timing of submission for paper and electronic forms;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 2079, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2079, 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

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 2079	Committee Referral: AGR, FIN	Dat	te: 03/13/20	24
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is: Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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