

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1743

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 140
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 140, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the importation of
firewood into the State from another state and the intrastate
transportation or sale of firewood not harvested within the State
unless the firewood is heat-treated or the importation,
transportation, or sale is authorized by the Department of
Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating
Group on Alien Pest Species; Ohana Unity Party; and two
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's unique geographic
isolation results in one of the most biologically diverse regions
on the planet. Hawaii's endemic plant and animal species are
already under threat from invasive pests and diseases, which pose
serious risks to the delicate balance of the State's ecosystems.
Your Committee further finds that the movement of untreated

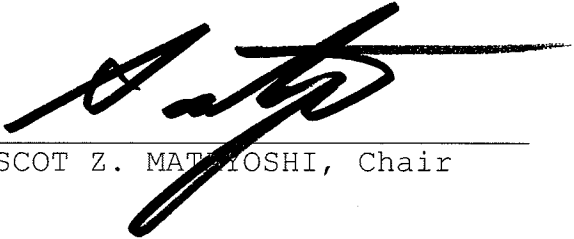


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firewood remains an unregulated, high-risk pathway for invasive forest pests. This measure addresses a gap in the State's attempts to bolster its biosecurity efforts by requiring firewood to be heat treated.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 140, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATSUYOSHI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">SB140, SD2, HD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">AGR, CPC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">3/25/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>				
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