

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**RE: S.B. No. 330  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 330, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the  
Department of Agriculture to enforce quarantines issued by the  
United States Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board  
No. 15, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and the Coordinating  
Group on Alien Pest Species.

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

Your Committee finds that the State's farmers and ranchers  
continue to face serious threats from invasive species such as the  
coconut rhinoceros beetle, little fire ant, coffee berry borer,  
two-lined spittlebug, macadamia felted coccid, and varroa mite.  
These pests not only damage crops and livestock, but also increase  
production costs and threaten the long-term viability of local  
agriculture. This measure will improve the State's biosecurity by  
authorizing the Department of Agriculture to enforce federal  
quarantines. Preventing the introduction of invasive pests is far



more cost-effective than attempting to control them after they have been established, and enhancing the State's ability to effectuate agricultural quarantines is crucial to maintaining local food production, supporting agricultural sustainability, and preserving the State's biodiversity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 330, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



