STAND. COM. REP. NO. 953

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 2 8 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

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

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SB 330 SD1	AEN, JOC			2/20/25	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)) Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		\			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)					\
CHANG, Stanley		>			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.		<i>y</i>			
AWA, Brenton		✓			
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TOTAL		4			1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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