

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1483

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 746  
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 Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 746, 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 establish and appropriate funds for a two-year Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Pilot Program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide community-based incentives to eradicate the coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Windward Coalition; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the coconut rhinoceros beetle poses a severe threat to Hawaii's native and agricultural landscapes. Since its initial detection in 2013, the beetle has rapidly expanded across Oahu and has been identified on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island, causing widespread damage to tree canopies, diminishing natural habitats, and undermining reforestation and conservation efforts. To mitigate further spread and destruction,

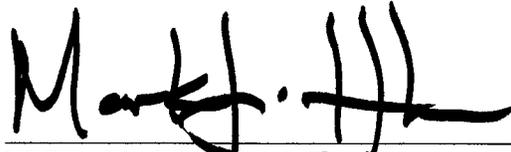
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this measure establishes a two-year Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, prioritizing coordinated eradication strategies and public participation to safeguard Hawaii's natural resources, native ecosystems, and agricultural sustainability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 746, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



