

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **10710**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1601
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1601, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the expending agency for a fiscal year 2026-2027 appropriation for the operations of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; and two individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the fiscal year 2026-2027 appropriation amount to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.

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1601, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1601, H.D. 2.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Todd", written in a cursive style.

CHRIS TODD, Chair



