

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3120

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1929
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1929, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen biosecurity protections for the island of Molokai.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a Molokai Biosecurity Advisory Board within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity;
- (2) Requires the Board to advise the Department on the development of a Molokai biosecurity plan to prevent the spread to Molokai of invasive species found elsewhere in the State;
- (3) Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates moneys for a new facility on the island of Molokai to inspect and quarantine plants, plant materials, livestock, and other domestic animals; and
- (4) Appropriates moneys for purposes of the Act.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kuaaina Ulu Auamo, The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Free Access Coalition, and numerous individuals.


Your Committee finds that, of all of Hawaii's major islands, Molokai is currently the least impacted by many of the pests and invasive species found elsewhere in the State. Your Committee believes that the development of an island-specific plan for Molokai will help enhance and maintain the island's biosecurity, curtail the introduction and spread of invasive species, and inform other biosecurity efforts in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the authorization to issue general obligation bonds for a quarantine facility on the island of Molokai; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1929, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1929, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

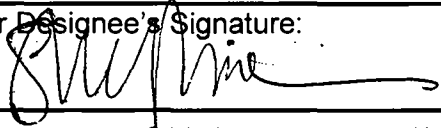
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1929, HDI, SDI	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 04/08/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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