

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3227**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 2551  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Area-Wide Fruit Fly Suppression Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Maui County Farm Bureau, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, and three individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Your Committee finds that fruit flies directly impact fruit and vegetable production, reduce marketable yields, increase production costs, and limit diversification opportunities for local farmers. Your Committee further finds that suppression programs have demonstrated success in reducing infestation levels and improving crop quality by using coordinated, science-based pest management strategies that integrate multiple tools and

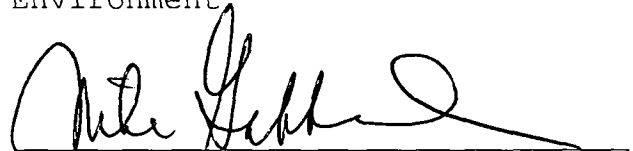


approaches. This measure would strengthen agricultural production statewide, while improving long-term biosecurity capacity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



