

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3639

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2551, H.D. 1, S.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 protect local food production by supporting continued fruit fly suppression efforts in Hawaii.

More specifically, this measure makes an unspecified appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity for an area-wide fruit fly suppression program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Food+ Policy - Purple Maia Foundation, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the University of Hawaii.

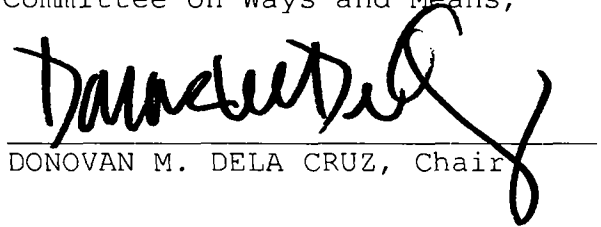
Your Committee finds that fruit flies are an invasive species that is widespread across the State. Your Committee notes that, as primarily an agricultural pest, fruit flies have a significant economic impact on produce growers in Hawaii. Your Committee



further finds that the allocation of moneys for an area-wide fruit fly suppression program will enable the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to reduce fruit fly populations and lessen impacts on a wide variety of food crops.

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. 2551, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

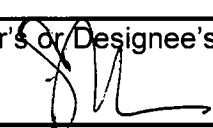
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2551, HDI, SDI	AEN, WAM	4/7/2026		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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