

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2185

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 11 2026**

RE: S.B. No. 2321  
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 S.B. No. 2321 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a two-year Two-Lined Spittlebug Response Pilot Program to mitigate and control the spread of the two-lined spittlebug;
- (2) Require reports to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Wall Ranch, Inc.; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i; Triple S Livestock LLC; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Kapapala Ranch; and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that the two-lined spittlebug is an invasive insect that has been found to damage key agricultural



grasslands. Damaged rangelands can lead to the proliferation of invasive weed species and an increased risk for wildfires. Your Committee further finds that the two-lined spittlebug has already decimated thousands of acres of foraging grasses in pastures used for cattle ranching. Action is critical to curb the spread of this insect and further grassland damage. This measure will help safeguard the State's ranching industry, food chains, and the State's ecosystem by mitigating the spread of the two-lined spittlebug.

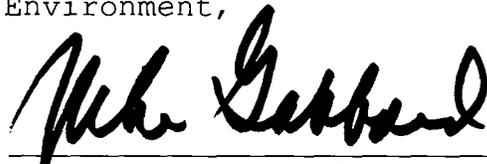
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that this measure contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$120,000 to establish and fund one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program coordinator position to oversee and manage the Two-Lined Spittlebug Response Pilot Program.

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 S.B. No. 2321, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2321, 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,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

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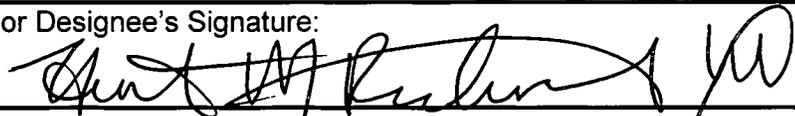
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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