

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3038

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2885
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, establish mandatory handling and storage rules for commercial and residential coconut rhinoceros beetle host material to reduce the spread of coconut rhinoceros beetles within infested zones and to prevent spread into non-infested zones; and
- (2) Establish penalties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, Fairways at Ko Olina Resort, Beach Villas at Ko Olina, Ko Olina Golf Club, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, O'ahu Invasive Species Committee, Hawaii Food+ Policy, Molokai Aha Kiolo, Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Windward Coalition, Hawaiian Earth Recycling, Kualoa Ranch, Coconut Plantation AOA, and fifteen individuals.

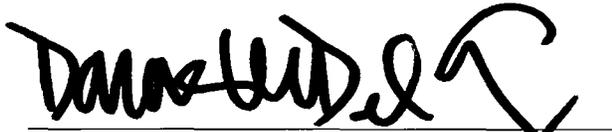


Your Committees received comments on this measure from the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience.

Your Committees find that the coconut rhinoceros beetle is one of the State's most destructive invasive species, where coconut beetle spread is difficult to manage due to the ability for larvae to grow within mulch and green waste piles undetected. Your Committees further find that addressing the accumulation and spread of coconut rhinoceros beetle host material is critical to the success of current mitigation efforts. This measure will enhance biosecurity regulatory structures and reduce reinfestation to protect the State's agriculture and culturally significant landscapes.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
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Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

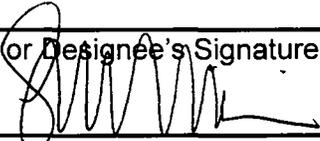
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The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, 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
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