
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL TO STUDY AND
REPORT ON SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF
COQUI FROGS AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES.

1 WHEREAS, the State must control the spread of coqui frogs
2 and other invasive species; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State will lose the battle if aggressive
5 management action is not taken; and

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7 WHEREAS, near-term solutions are needed to fight the spread
8 of coqui frogs and other invasive species; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Invasive Species
13 Council is requested to:

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15 (1) Investigate and recommend strategies to avoid
16 accidentally spreading coqui frogs and other invasive
17 species through the intrainland and interisland
18 movement of agricultural products;
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20 (2) Investigate the movement of greenwaste and develop one
21 or more statewide protocols to prevent greenwaste from
22 becoming a pathway for the movement of coqui frogs and
23 other invasive species; and
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25 (3) Report on the feasibility of installing intrainland
26 and interisland treatment facilities for agricultural
27 products, and include a budget, to provide a tool to
28 prevent the movement of coqui frogs and other invasive
29 species; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species
32 Council is requested to consider, in relation to the protocol



1 for greenwaste movement, strategies, including but not be
2 limited to:

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- 4 (1) Not moving any greenwaste off of sites where the
- 5 invasive species has been identified;
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- 7 (2) Developing county-level lists of invasive species that
- 8 may be moved in greenwaste;
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- 10 (3) Developing treatment protocols for each priority
- 11 species that will be carried out by the agency
- 12 generating or transporting the greenwaste prior to the
- 13 waste being moved off site;
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- 15 (4) Developing maps for species that may be moved locally
- 16 via greenwaste and monitoring protocols for all
- 17 regularly used greenwaste recipient sites for all
- 18 county-level priority species;
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- 20 (5) Identifying the party responsible for treating new
- 21 infestations when priority invasive species are
- 22 identified at the recipient sites;
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- 24 (6) Prohibiting state or county agencies from authorizing,
- 25 funding, or carrying out any action that would likely
- 26 cause or promote the introduction or spread of coqui
- 27 frogs and other invasive species in Hawaii or to other
- 28 states, territories, or Pacific islands; and
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- 30 (7) Requiring all state and county agencies to consider
- 31 interdiction issues when planning any activity that
- 32 may cause the accidental introduction of coqui frogs
- 33 and other invasive species to uninfested areas in
- 34 Hawaii, other states, territories, or Pacific islands;
- 35 and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species
38 Council is requested to research and report on the information
39 gathered from case studies and economic analyses conducted by
40 the United States Department of Agriculture's T-STAR program and
41 other applicable studies; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species
2 Council is requested to report its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2007; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
9 Chairperson of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Chairperson
10 of the state Board of Agriculture; Secretary of the United
11 States Department of Agriculture; and Dean of the University of
12 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

