
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
SUPPORT H.R. NO. 3468 TO CONTROL THE INTRODUCTION AND
SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND DISEASES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3468, recently introduced in the United
2 States Congress on July 27, 2005, and cited as the "Hawaii
3 Invasive Species Prevention Act", recognizes the unique
4 ecosystems of Hawaii and the threat posed by invasive non-native
5 plant and animal species and diseases; and

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7 WHEREAS, the uniqueness of Hawaii is due, in part, to its
8 isolation from continental land masses and its topographic and
9 climatic diversity; and

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11 WHEREAS, over time, this isolation has led to the
12 generation of species entirely unique to Hawaii that are no
13 match for invasive species transported to Hawaii by the
14 advancement of human activities and global commerce; and

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16 WHEREAS, more than five thousand species of non-native
17 plants and animals have become established in the Hawaiian
18 islands in the past two hundred years, which represents the
19 successful colonization of a new species in Hawaii every
20 eighteen days; and

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22 WHEREAS, the introduction of invasive species to Hawaii has
23 resulted in the extinction of native species, the destruction of
24 native forests, and crop losses estimated in the millions of
25 dollars; and

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27 WHEREAS, the current federal statutory and regulatory
28 regime is insufficient to minimize the introduction of invasive
29 species into Hawaii and the environmental, economic, and social
30 harm that would result from the introduction of additional
31 invasive species; and

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1 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3468, to the extent practicable:

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- 3 (1) Prevents any federal agency from authorizing, funding,
4 or carrying out any action that would likely cause or
5 promote the introduction or spread of invasive species
6 and diseases in Hawaii; and
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- 8 (2) Requires federal agencies to consider invasive species
9 and disease issues when planning any activity that may
10 cause the accidental introduction of invasive species
11 and diseases in Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, H.R. No. 3468 also:

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- 15 (1) Establishes a system of quarantine protocols;
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- 17 (2) Allows federal officials to assist and cooperate with
18 local and state efforts to eradicate or control
19 invasive species;
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- 21 (3) Establishes an expedited process for the consideration
22 of state and local policy proposals with respect to
23 the eradication and control of invasive species;
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- 25 (4) Authorizes the State to implement, during an
26 emergency, general or specific prohibitions or
27 restrictions upon the introduction or movement of
28 invasive species into the State; and
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- 30 (5) Authorizes an appropriation to carry out the purposes
31 of the legislation; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United
36 States and the United States Congress are urged to support H.R.
37 No. 3468 to control the introduction and spread of invasive
38 species and diseases in Hawaii; and
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