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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO HIRE  
A PART-TIME PEST INSPECTION TECHNICIAN FOR THE ISLAND OF  
MOLOKAI TO ERADICATE AND CONTROL INVASIVE SPECIES ON THE  
ISLAND.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii enjoys a uniqueness and environmental  
2 quality unmatched in the rest of the world that is due, in part,  
3 to its isolation from continental land masses and its  
4 topographic and climatic diversity; and

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6           WHEREAS, over time, this isolation has led to the  
7 generation of species entirely unique to Hawaii that are no  
8 match for invasive species transported to Hawaii by the  
9 advancement of human activities and global commerce and travel;  
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12           WHEREAS, more than five thousand species of non-native  
13 plants and animals have become established in the Hawaiian  
14 islands in the past two hundred years, which represents the  
15 successful colonization of a new species in Hawaii every  
16 eighteen days; and

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18           WHEREAS, the introduction of invasive species to Hawaii has  
19 resulted in the extinction of native species, the destruction of  
20 native forests, and crop losses estimated in the millions of  
21 dollars; and

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23           WHEREAS, resources to exterminate and control invasive  
24 species have been concentrated in the more populated areas in  
25 the State, even though the invasive species problem is statewide  
26 and pervades smaller communities and islands as well; and

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28           WHEREAS, the island of Molokai has seen the proliferation  
29 of certain invasive species on that island, including the  
30 fountain grass, the cat's claw shrub, the goarse shrub, the  
31 erythrina gall wasp, and the pampas grass; and



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2 WHEREAS, although not on the island yet, certain invasive  
3 species have the capability of gaining a foothold on Molokai,  
4 including the miconia plant, the Asian clam, the coqui frog, and  
5 the brown tree snake; and

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7 WHEREAS, a part-time pest inspection technician on Molokai  
8 would provide "first line of defense" capabilities and would be  
9 able to inspect all incoming goods to detect organisms ranging  
10 from microscopic organisms (plant pathogens, etc.) to large  
11 plants and animals; and

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13 WHEREAS, a pest inspection technician would be able to  
14 check all goods at ports of entry (harbors and airports) as well  
15 as inspect nurseries and special events (outrigger canoe channel  
16 races, etc.); and

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18 WHEREAS, a pest inspection technician would also:

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20 (1) Help coordinate and facilitate the rapid response of  
21 newly detected injurious wildlife, noxious weeds, and  
22 agricultural/aquacultural pests;  
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24 (2) Help report and monitor response efforts;  
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26 (3) Prevent invasive species on Molokai from being  
27 transported to other islands;  
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29 (4) Collaborate with other resource agencies to assist  
30 with the prevention, survey/detection, and control of  
31 new invasive species and established noxious invasive  
32 species;  
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34 (5) Conduct public awareness campaigns and workshops to  
35 empower the Molokai community to identify priority  
36 invasive species, notify proper authorities, and  
37 assist with eradication efforts;  
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39 (6) Enforce violators and certify outgoing foods with  
40 "passed" stickers; and  
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42 (7) Coordinate pesticide education, certification, and  
43 inspection; now, therefore,  
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# H.C.R. NO. 214

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
 4 Natural Resources is requested to hire a part-time pest  
 5 inspection technician for the island of Molokai to eradicate and  
 6 control invasive species on the island; and

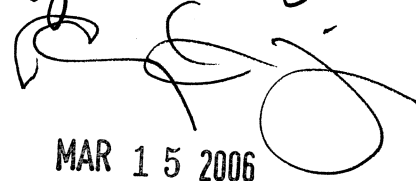
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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 10 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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