
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS 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 a task force be established
13 to evaluate and recommend actions to prevent the spread of coqui
14 frogs and other invasive species; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be established
17 under the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and consist of
18 eight members as follows:
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20 (1) The Chairperson of HISC, or the Chairperson's
21 designee, who will serve as the chair of the task
22 force;
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24 (2) The Chairperson of the state Board of Agriculture, or
25 the Chairperson's designee;
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27 (3) The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture,
28 or the Secretary's designee;
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30 (4) The Dean of the University of Hawaii College of
31 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, or the
32 Dean's designee;
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- 1 (5) One individual, selected by HISC, representing
- 2 environmental interests;
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- 4 (6) One individual, selected by HISC, representing the
- 5 landscaping industry;
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- 7 (7) One member of the House of Representatives, selected
- 8 by the Speaker of the House; and
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- 10 (8) One member of the Senate, selected by the President of
- 11 the Senate;

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
16 Bureau is requested to provide administrative, clerical, and
17 other staff support as necessary and appropriate; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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- 21 (1) Investigate and recommend strategies to avoid
- 22 accidentally spreading coqui frogs and other invasive
- 23 species through the intrainland and interisland
- 24 movement of agricultural products;
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- 26 (2) Investigate the movement of greenwaste and develop one
- 27 or more statewide protocols to prevent greenwaste from
- 28 becoming a pathway for the movement of coqui frogs and
- 29 other invasive species; and
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- 31 (3) Report on the feasibility of installing intrainland
- 32 and interisland treatment facilities for agricultural
- 33 products, and include a budget, to provide a tool to
- 34 prevent the movement of coqui frogs and other invasive
- 35 species;

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the protocol for greenwaste
40 movement consider strategies, including but not limited to:

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- 42 (1) Not moving any greenwaste off of sites where the
- 43 invasive species has been identified;
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- 1 (2) Developing county-level lists of invasive species that
- 2 may be moved in greenwaste;
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- 4 (3) Developing treatment protocols for each priority
- 5 species that will be carried out by the agency
- 6 generating or transporting the greenwaste prior to the
- 7 waste being moved off site;
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- 9 (4) Developing maps for species that may be moved locally
- 10 via greenwaste, and monitoring protocols for all
- 11 regularly used greenwaste recipient sites for all
- 12 county-level priority species;
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- 14 (5) Identifying the party responsible for treating new
- 15 infestations when priority invasive species are
- 16 identified at the recipient sites;
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- 18 (6) Prohibiting state or county agencies from authorizing,
- 19 funding, or carrying out any action that would likely
- 20 cause or promote the introduction or spread of coqui
- 21 frogs and other invasive species in Hawaii or to other
- 22 states, territories or Pacific islands; and
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- 24 (7) Requiring all state and county agencies to consider
- 25 interdiction issues when planning any activity that
- 26 may cause the accidental introduction of coqui frogs
- 27 and other invasive species to uninfested areas in
- 28 Hawaii, other states, territories, or Pacific islands;

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

32 research and report on the information gathered from case

33 studies and economic analyses conducted by the U.S. Department

34 of Agriculture's T-STAR program and other applicable studies;

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

38 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed

39 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to

40 the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;

44 Chairperson of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Chairperson



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1 of the state Board of Agriculture; Secretary of the U.S.
2 Department of Agriculture; and Dean of the University of Hawaii
3 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.
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