

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3686

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 12  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 12 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PROGRAMS AND MEASURES INTENDED TO CONTAIN AND ERADICATE COQUI FROGS IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request Hawaii's Congressional delegation to seek federal funding to be used for programs and measures intended to contain and eradicate coqui frogs in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees have amended this measure by replacing its contents with S.C.R. No. 14, S.D. 1, which expands the scope of the request to include the prevention and the eradication of all invasive species threatening Hawaii's natural environment and resources.

Your Committees finds that the threat of invasive species entering the State is not a new one. In fact, Hawaii's Congressional delegation has diligently worked to secure federal funds for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake.

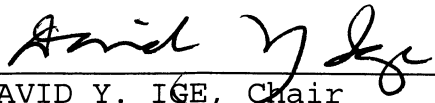
2006-2629HCR SSCR SMA.doc



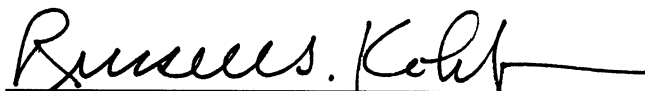
The federal money received helped to fund various control measures, research, prevention, and eradication of the brown tree snake. These efforts have significantly reduced the threat that the snake poses to Hawaii's natural ecosystem and economy. This measure, as amended, requests Hawaii's Congressional delegation to work with that same vigor and commitment to secure money for the eradication of all invasive species in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 12, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water, Land, and  
Agriculture and  
Intergovernmental Affairs,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

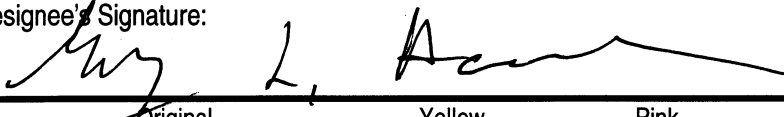


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture  
(Bills and Resolutions)

|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|----------|
| Measure:*<br><i>HER 12</i>  | Committee Referral:<br><i>WLA/IGA</i> | Date:<br><i>4/12/06</i> |      |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____   |                                       |                         |      |          |
| The Recommendation is to:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313) |                                       |                         |      |          |
| Members   | Ayes                                  | Ayes(WR)                | Nays | Excused  |
| KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)   | ✓                                     |                         |      |          |
| HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)  | ✓                                     |                         |      |          |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani  |                                       |                         |      | ✓        |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol   | ✓                                     |                         |      |          |
| HEMMINGS, Fred  |                                       |                         |      | ✓        |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
|   |                                       |                         |      |          |
| TOTAL   | <i>3</i>                              |                         |      | <i>2</i> |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |                                       |                         |      |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br>  |                                       |                         |      |          |
| Distribution:             Original     Yellow     Pink     Goldenrod<br>File with Committee Report     Clerk's Office     Drafting Agency     Committee File Copy   |                                       |                         |      |          |

\*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.



---

---

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK FEDERAL  
FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PROGRAMS AND MEASURES INTENDED TO  
PREVENT AND FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, preserving and protecting our natural environment  
2 and resources are critical to ensure a promising future for our  
3 residents, especially our children; and

4  
5 WHEREAS, invasive alien species, such as coqui frogs, brown  
6 tree snakes, and other invasive species, represent dangerous  
7 threats to Hawaii's fragile and complex ecosystem; and

8  
9 WHEREAS, for example, coqui frogs, which have reproduced at  
10 a frightening rate with distinct populations numbering over 270  
11 on the island of Hawaii alone, are not only a nuisance but, if  
12 left unchecked, may also affect the tourism industry and disrupt  
13 native bird populations that compete with the frogs for insect  
14 prey; and

15  
16 WHEREAS, in the past, Hawaii's Congressional delegation has  
17 worked to secure federal funds for the control and eradication  
18 of the brown tree snake, which has been directly responsible for  
19 the extinction or local extirpation of 12 of 25 native forest  
20 bird and lizard species in Guam; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, federal moneys received were used for various  
23 control measures, research, prevention, and eradication of the  
24 brown tree snake, which has significantly reduced the threat  
25 that the brown tree snake posed to Hawaii's natural ecosystem  
26 and economy; and

27  
28 WHEREAS, Act 85, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, established  
29 the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (Council), a body that  
30 provides leadership, direction, and coordination for invasive  
31 species prevention and eradication programs statewide; and



1 WHEREAS, prior to the Council, the Coordinating Group on  
2 Alien Pest Species, primarily comprised of management-level  
3 participants from every major federal, state, county and private  
4 agency and organizations, conducted various initiatives to  
5 combat invasive species, including media campaigns, research,  
6 improving coordination and collaboration among agencies, and  
7 facilitating the formation of invasive species committees on all  
8 major islands; and  
9

10 WHEREAS, funding for the activities and programs of the  
11 Council, the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species and the  
12 invasive species committees come from a combination of federal,  
13 state, and private sources; and  
14

15 WHEREAS, however, their efforts have been weakened by  
16 recent actions of the federal government that have drastically  
17 reduced the resources necessary to effectively combat invasive  
18 species and may jeopardize existing programs like the  
19 eradication efforts under way and planned for controlling coqui  
20 frog populations on the island of Hawaii; and  
21

22 WHEREAS, actions like these deprive Hawaii of the funding  
23 desperately needed to protect the native environment and  
24 preserve the native ecosystem; now, therefore,  
25

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that members of Hawaii's  
29 Congressional delegation are requested to renew their efforts in  
30 obtaining federal funding for the prevention and eradication of  
31 invasive species in Hawaii; and  
32

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of Hawaii's  
34 Congressional delegation are urged to use the same vigor and  
35 commitment that they have used in obtaining funding for the  
36 brown tree snake; and  
37

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
40 Congressional delegation.

