## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR COQUI FROG ERADICATION AND CONTROL.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the island of Hawaii
- 2 continues to be infested by the invasive species of Caribbean
- 3 tree frog, eleutherodactylus coqui, more commonly known as the
- 4 coqui frog, since its accidental introduction on the island of
- 5 Hawaii in the early 1990s. The county of Hawaii, state
- 6 department of agriculture, University of Hawaii at Hilo,
- 7 University of Hawaii at Manoa, United States Department of
- 8 Agriculture Wildlife Services Division, and the National
- 9 Wildlife Research Center have formed the coqui frog working
- 10 group and have produced the coqui frog working group incident
- 11 action plan to combat this invasive species, which focuses on
- 12 three primary areas: eradication and control, research, and
- 13 community education and support. While the county of Hawaii,
- 14 the State, and the federal government have contributed in the
- 15 past to this eradication effort, continued assistance is needed
- 16 to deal with the coqui frog problem.

- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for a
- 4 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii to support and implement
- 5 the coqui frog working group incident action plan.
- 6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
- 7 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

## Report Title:

County of Hawaii; Coqui Frog; Appropriation

## Description:

Appropriates funds for a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawaii to support and implement the coqui frog working group incident action plan. (HB1179 HD1)