
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
MOLUCCA ALBIZIA TREE.

1 WHEREAS, the molucca albizia was first introduced to Hawaii
2 in 1917 as an ornamental tree and for the purposes of
3 reforestation; and
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5 WHEREAS, at one time, the United States Forest Service
6 planted 135,000 molucca albizia seeds on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai,
7 Lanai, and Hawaii for the production of lumber; and
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9 WHEREAS, the molucca albizia tree was last studied by the
10 Harold L. Lyon Arboretum in 1985 for the potential risks caused
11 by the spreading and aging of molucca albizia trees; and
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13 WHEREAS, molucca albizia is one of the fastest growing
14 species among the broad-leaf tree species and has a life span of
15 twenty-five to thirty years; and
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17 WHEREAS, today, the molucca albizia is present statewide,
18 as it has adapted to the semi-moist areas below 1,500 feet in
19 elevation; and
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21 WHEREAS, the molucca albizia has a large crown and can
22 reach more than one hundred feet in height; and
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24 WHEREAS, the molucca albizia has a soft and brittle wood,
25 has a shallow root system in poor soil, and its large branches
26 are often susceptible to breaking in high wind; and
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28 WHEREAS, these factors pose a significant hazard to people
29 and property in various residential and recreational areas,
30 including the Manoa Falls trail; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is increasing public concern about the risk
 2 to people and property presented by the spread of the molucca
 3 albizia tree in the State; now, therefore,

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 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 7 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the University of
 8 Hawaii is requested to conduct a study on the molucca albizia
 9 tree, including a field inventory of these trees in at least the
 10 Ala Wai watershed area; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of its study, the
 13 University of Hawaii is requested to prepare recommendations on
 14 whether it is feasible to eradicate the molucca albizia, and if
 15 so, a method of how to eradicate this species of tree; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
 18 also requested to identify the necessary components of an
 19 eradication pilot project to be performed in Manoa Valley, Oahu;
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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
 23 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
 24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2008 Regular
 25 Session; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Regional Manager of
 29 the United States Forest Service, the Chair of the Board of
 30 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the President of the
 31 University of Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii
 32 at Manoa, the Chair of Land and Natural Resources, the Chair of
 33 the Board of Agriculture, and the Director of the Lyon
 34 Arboretum.

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