
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 194-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established the invasive species council for
4 the special purpose of providing policy level direction,
5 coordination, and planning among state departments, federal
6 agencies, and international and local initiatives for the
7 control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations
8 throughout the [~~State~~] state and for preventing the introduction
9 of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful. The
10 council shall:

11 (1) Maintain a broad overview of the invasive species
12 problem in the [~~State,~~] state;

13 (2) Advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species-
14 related efforts with and between the departments of
15 agriculture, land and natural resources, health, and
16 transportation, as well as state, federal,
17 international, and privately organized programs and
18 policies;



- 1 (3) Identify and prioritize each lead agency's
2 organizational and resource shortfalls with respect to
3 invasive species;
- 4 (4) After consulting with appropriate state agencies,
5 create and implement a plan that includes the
6 prevention, early detection, rapid response, control,
7 enforcement, and education of the public with respect
8 to invasive species, as well as fashion a mission
9 statement articulating the State's position against
10 invasive species; provided that the appropriate state
11 agencies shall collaborate with the counties and
12 communities to develop and implement a systematic
13 approach to reduce and control coqui frog infestations
14 on public lands that are near or adjacent to
15 communities, and shall provide annual reports on the
16 progress made in achieving this objective;
- 17 (5) Coordinate and promote the State's position with
18 respect to federal issues, including:
- 19 (A) Quarantine preemption;
- 20 (B) International trade agreements that ignore the
21 problem of invasive species in Hawaii;
- 22 (C) First class mail inspection prohibition;



- 1 (D) Whether quarantine of domestic pests arriving
2 from the mainland should be provided by the
3 federal government;
- 4 (E) Coordinating efforts with federal agencies to
5 maximize resources and reduce or eliminate system
6 gaps and leaks, including deputizing the United
7 States Department of Agriculture's plant
8 protection and quarantine inspectors to enforce
9 Hawaii's laws;
- 10 (F) Promoting the amendment of federal laws as
11 necessary, including the Lacey Act Amendments of
12 1981, Title 16 United States Code [~~sections~~]
13 Sections 3371-3378; Public Law 97-79, and laws
14 related to inspection of domestic airline
15 passengers, baggage, and cargo; and
- 16 (G) Coordinating efforts and issues with the federal
17 Invasive Species Council and its National
18 Invasive Species Management Plan;
- 19 (6) Identify and record all invasive species present in
20 the [~~State,~~] state;
- 21 (7) Designate the department of agriculture, health, or
22 land and natural resources as the lead agency for each



- 1 function of invasive species control, including
2 prevention, rapid response, eradication, enforcement,
3 and education;
- 4 (8) Identify all state, federal, and other moneys expended
5 for the purposes of the invasive species problem in
6 the [~~State~~] state;
- 7 (9) Identify all federal and private funds available to
8 the State to fight invasive species and advise and
9 assist state departments to acquire these funds;
- 10 (10) Advise the governor and legislature on budgetary and
11 other issues regarding invasive species;
- 12 (11) Provide annual reports on budgetary and other related
13 issues to the legislature twenty days prior to each
14 regular session;
- 15 (12) Include and coordinate with the counties in the fight
16 against invasive species to increase resources and
17 funding and to address county-sponsored activities
18 that involve invasive species;
- 19 (13) Review state agency mandates and commercial interests
20 that sometimes call for the maintenance of potentially
21 destructive alien species as resources for sport
22 hunting, aesthetic resources, or other values;



1 (14) Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure
2 maximum deterrence for invasive species-related
3 crimes;

4 (15) Suggest appropriate legislation to improve the State's
5 administration of invasive species programs and
6 policies;

7 (16) Incorporate and expand upon the department of
8 agriculture's weed risk assessment protocol to the
9 extent appropriate for the council's invasive species
10 control and eradication efforts; and

11 (17) Perform any other function necessary to effectuate the
12 purposes of this [†]chapter[†]."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Invasive Species; Coqui Frogs

Description:

Requires appropriate state agencies to collaborate with the counties and communities to develop and implement a systematic approach to reduce and control coqui frog infestations on public lands that are near or adjacent to communities, and to report on this progress annually. (HB2977 CD1)

