

JAN 18 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the pervasive
2 invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing organisms,
3 snakes, weeds, and other invasive pests is the single greatest
4 threat to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health
5 and lifestyle of Hawaii's people.

6 These invasive species cause millions of dollars in crop
7 losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of
8 native forests, the spread of disease, and the quarantine of
9 exported agricultural crops. There are many invasive species
10 currently established in the State (i.e., the coqui frog,
11 salvinia molesta, miconia calvescens, and dengue fever carrying
12 mosquitoes) and several other species threatening to enter or
13 becoming established in the State (i.e., the little fire ant,
14 nettle caterpillar, papaya mealybug, erythrina gall wasp, ohia
15 rust, Asian citrus psyllid, and varroa mite).

16 In response to the invasive species problem, the department
17 of agriculture has created a biosecurity program to



1 strategically fight invasive species on several fronts. First,
2 the program administers pre-entry measures to minimize the risk
3 of invasive pests entering the State. Second, the program
4 includes ports-of-entry inspections to detect and treat pests
5 upon arrival. Finally, the program administers post-entry
6 measures to mitigate the establishment of invasive species in
7 the State.

8 In support of the biosecurity program, the department of
9 agriculture is establishing an interim joint-inspection facility
10 with the federal government to be located at the existing
11 federal inspection facility at the Honolulu International
12 Airport. The department is also planning a permanent joint
13 inspection facility with the federal government that will be
14 located adjacent to the Honolulu International Airport. The
15 legislature finds that supporting the biosecurity program
16 through the development of the joint inspection facilities is
17 vital to the public health and welfare of the State.

18 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for the
19 department of agriculture's planning of the interim and
20 permanent joint inspection facilities.

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
2 the planning of the interim joint inspection facility and
3 permanent joint inspection facility of the department of
4 agriculture's biosecurity program.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Invasive Species; Biosecurity Program; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the planning of inspection facilities by the department of agriculture as part of its biosecurity program.

