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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. According to the department of land and natural
2 resources, alien species in Hawaii have caused significant
3 damage to the environment, the economy, Hawaii's natural
4 resources, native Hawaiian species, and the local ecosystem.

5 At one time, Hawaii had thousands of species that were
6 found nowhere else on earth due to the island's geographic
7 isolation. Today, Hawaii has the highest rate of extinction in
8 the United States, and one of the highest rates in the world.
9 There were once 12,198 native species in Hawaii. However, it is
10 estimated that before human contact, only one new invasive
11 species was introduced to Hawaii every seventy thousand years.
12 Today, that estimate has gone up to twenty new species every
13 year, and this has had a negative impact for many native
14 species.

15 According to the University of Hawaii college of tropical
16 agriculture and human resources, the coqui frog is an invasive
17 species that has been encountered on Maui. In the September



1 2007 *Coqui Frog Populations on Maui* map, there were a total of
2 thirteen population sites. Five of these sites have been
3 eradicated and eight active sites still remain.

4 The purpose of this Act is to enact one of the
5 recommendations from thirty-fifth secondary student conference
6 that was held on Oahu between November 28 and 30, 2007. The
7 conference recommended appropriating funds to support the
8 invasive species council and the department of agriculture in
9 their efforts to eradicate invasive species, to prevent invasive
10 species from spreading, and to protect Hawaii's native species.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
14 the invasive species council to eradicate invasive species and
15 prevent them from spreading, and protect Hawaii's native
16 species.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
22 the department of agriculture to eradicate invasive species and



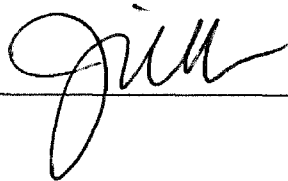
1 prevent them from spreading, and protect Hawaii's native
2 species.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:





Report Title:

Invasive Species; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the invasive species council and the department of agriculture to eradicate invasive species, prevent them from spreading, and protect Hawaii's native species.

