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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOT TO INSPECT OR  
RELEASE ANY AIRLINE CARGO OF AN AIRLINE THAT DOES NOT  
REGULARLY PAY THE INSPECTION, QUARANTINE, AND ERADICATION  
SERVICE FEE AND CHARGE FOR THAT CARGO.

1           WHEREAS, an invasive species is a harmful non-indigenous  
2 plant, animal, insect, or disease agent that enters the State's  
3 borders; and

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5           WHEREAS, if left uncontrolled, invasive species can  
6 devastate Hawaii's agricultural industry, natural environment,  
7 economy, public health, and threaten the dwindling number of  
8 endangered species in Hawaii; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment,  
11 and the United States Department of Interior, recognize the  
12 devastation that invasive species can inflict on the  
13 environment, Hawaii's national parks, and the State's endangered  
14 species; and

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16          WHEREAS, once established invasive species may hopefully be  
17 controlled but often times cannot be eradicated; and

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19          WHEREAS, without vigilant inspection of incoming cargo, the  
20 public's health, safety, and welfare are at risk from the  
21 introduction and establishment of invasive species; and

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23          WHEREAS, the only two pathways for invasive species to  
24 enter the State is by air or maritime transportation; and

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26          WHEREAS, an invasive species inspection at a port-of-entry  
27 is considered the best quarantine measure to reduce entry of  
28 unwanted animals and plants into the State; and

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1 WHEREAS, there is evidence that suggests that invasive  
2 species introduced in the State by air transportation have a  
3 stronger likelihood of survival than by any other means; and  
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5 WHEREAS, past and current air transport inspections have  
6 found prohibited plants and animals, including snakes, piranha,  
7 and rare and endangered orchids, fish, and coral; and  
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9 WHEREAS, some airlines are releasing imported cargo without  
10 inspection; and  
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12 WHEREAS, dogs have been released by transportation  
13 companies without inspection for public health issues such as  
14 rabies; and  
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16 WHEREAS, section 150A-5.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
17 provides that a person responsible for paying freight charges to  
18 the transportation company must pay an inspection fee of fifty  
19 cents per one thousand pounds of freight to the transportation  
20 company; and  
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22 WHEREAS, maritime transportation companies have been  
23 attempting to collect the inspection fee and have forwarded the  
24 payment to the State Department of Agriculture, but many  
25 airlines transportation companies have not; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the community and state government feel that  
28 interdicting non-native species is a priority and should be  
29 required at all ports-of-entry; now, therefore,  
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
33 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Department of  
34 Agriculture is urged not to inspect or release any airline cargo  
35 of an airline that does not regularly pay the inspection,  
36 quarantine, and eradication service fee and charge for that  
37 cargo; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Department of  
40 Agriculture is urged to cite and fine all airlines releasing  
41 cargo that has not been inspected to the extent permitted by  
42 section 150A-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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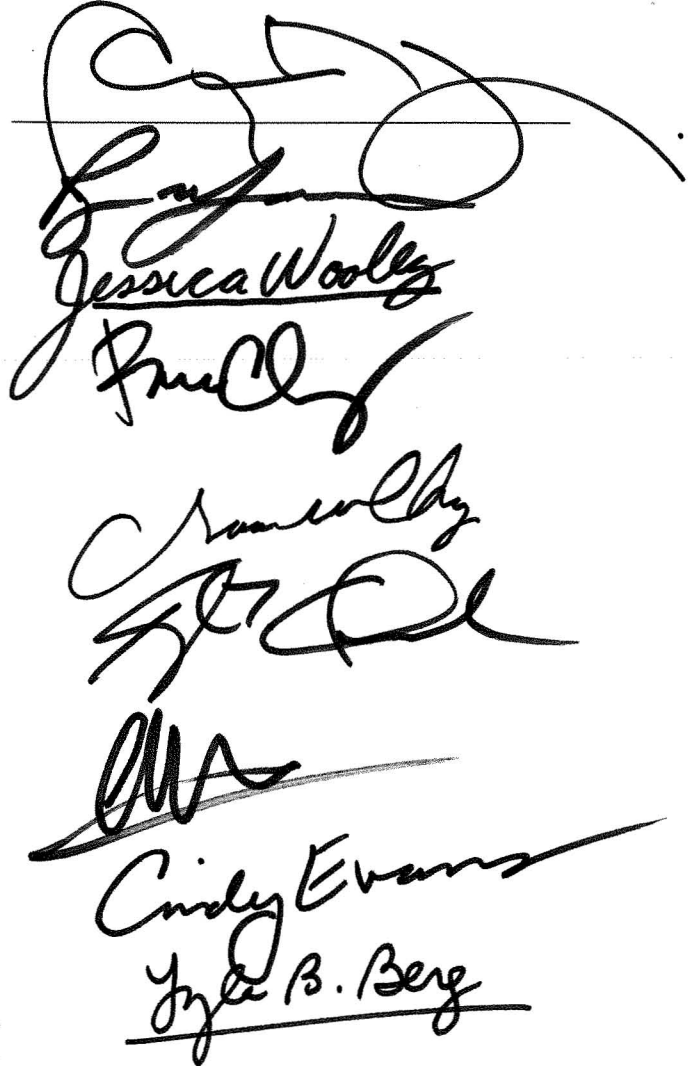


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
3 Director of Transportation, the Chairperson of the Board of  
4 Agriculture, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,  
5 the Airline Committee of Hawaii, and the Administrator of the  
6 Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu District Office.

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OFFERED BY:



Handwritten signatures of several individuals, including Jessica Woolley, Fred, C. Woolley, C. Evans, and Kyle B. Berg.

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