
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 brown tree snake
2 is an invasive species and can damage the balance of the State's
3 ecosystem, threaten native forest vertebrate species,
4 precipitate power outages affecting private, commercial, and
5 military activities, cause widespread loss of domestic birds and
6 pets, and cause considerable emotional trauma to residents and
7 visitors alike when invading human habitat. The brown tree
8 snake was responsible for devastating the majority of the native
9 bird population in Guam, and due to the availability of prey and
10 lack of predators in introduced habitats such as Guam, they have
11 been known to grow to sizes larger than their normal one to two
12 meters (3.3 to 6.6 feet) in length. To minimize the incidents
13 of accidental migration, trained dogs are used to search for,
14 locate, and remove brown tree snakes prior to the departures of
15 outbound military and commercial cargo and transportation
16 vessels from the island.

17 The legislature also finds that there is no dedicated
18 source of funding for brown tree snake mitigation and the State



1 is primarily reliant on funding from the Department of Interior-
2 Office of Insular Affairs for alleviation efforts. However,
3 this funding is not solely dedicated to brown tree snake
4 mitigating efforts; it must also be used to address other snake
5 incursions.

6 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding for dog
7 detector inspector positions within the department of
8 agriculture, to prevent brown tree snake infestation in the
9 State.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$180,552 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to fund
13 one full-time equivalent dog detector inspector IV position (1.0
14 FTE) and two full-time equivalent dog detector III (2.0 FTE)
15 positions to prevent brown tree snake infestation.

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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H.B. NO. 1747

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Dog Detector Inspector Positions;
Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to the DOA for the funding for 1 full-time equivalent dog detector inspector IV position (1.0 FTE) and 2 full-time equivalent dog detector III (2.0 FTE) positions.

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