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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 150A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§150A-6 Soil, plants, animals, etc., importation or**  
4 **possession prohibited.** No person shall transport, receive for  
5 transport, or cause to be transported to the State, for the  
6 purpose of debarkation or entry thereinto, any of the following:

7           (1) Soil; provided that limited quantities of soil may be  
8 imported into the State for experimental or other  
9 scientific purposes under permit with conditions  
10 prescribed by the department;

11           (2) Rocks, plants, plant products, or any article with  
12 soil adhering thereto;

13           (3) Any live snake, flying fox, fruit bat, Gila monster,  
14 injurious insect, or eels of the order Anguilliformes,  
15 or any other animal, plant, or microorganism in any  
16 stage of development that is detrimental or  
17 potentially harmful to agriculture, horticulture,  
18 animal or public health, or natural resources,



1 including native biota, or has an adverse effect on  
2 the environment as determined by the board, except [7]  
3 as provided in this chapter and provided that,  
4 notwithstanding the list of animals prohibited entry  
5 into the State, the department may bring into and  
6 maintain in the State four live, sterile brown tree  
7 snakes of the male sex for the purpose of research or  
8 training of snake detector dogs, and, further, that a  
9 government agency may bring into and maintain in the  
10 State at any time not more than [~~two~~] six live,  
11 nonvenomous snakes of the male sex and not more than  
12 ten specimens of the genus Pteropus flying fox of the  
13 male sex solely for the purpose of exhibition,  
14 education, or research in a government zoo, but only  
15 after:

16 (A) The board is presented with satisfactory evidence  
17 that the sex of the snakes or flying foxes, or  
18 both, was established to be male prior to the  
19 shipment; and

20 (B) The board gives written approval conditioned upon  
21 such terms as the board may deem necessary, which  
22 terms shall include measures to assure the



1 prevention of escape, continuing supervision and  
 2 control by the board with respect to any  
 3 department import under this paragraph, and the  
 4 manner in which the snakes shall be disposed of  
 5 or destroyed.

6 In case of the death of one or more snakes [7] or  
 7 flying foxes, the department or government agency may  
 8 import and maintain replacements subject to the  
 9 conditions described in this paragraph; and

10 (4) Any live or dead honey bees, or used bee equipment  
 11 that is not certified by the department to be free of  
 12 pests; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall  
 13 be construed to prohibit the importation of bee  
 14 semen."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Prohibited Animals; Importation; Government Exemption

**Description:**

Increases the number of live, nonvenomous male snakes that a government agency may import into the State from 2 to 6. Allows a government agency to import up to 10 male specimens of the genus Pteropus flying fox.

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