

# Hawai'i Invasive Species Council



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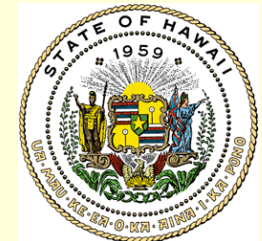
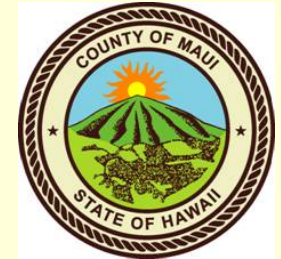
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# HISC Network

## Working Groups

Prevention  
Working Group

Response and  
Control Working  
Group

Public Outreach  
Working Group

Research and Technology  
Working Group

## Fund recipients, partners, and working group members



Hawai'i Ant  
Lab



Aquatic Invasive  
Species Program



Hawai'i Association of  
Watershed Partnerships



COORDINATING GROUP ON  
ALIEN PEST SPECIES



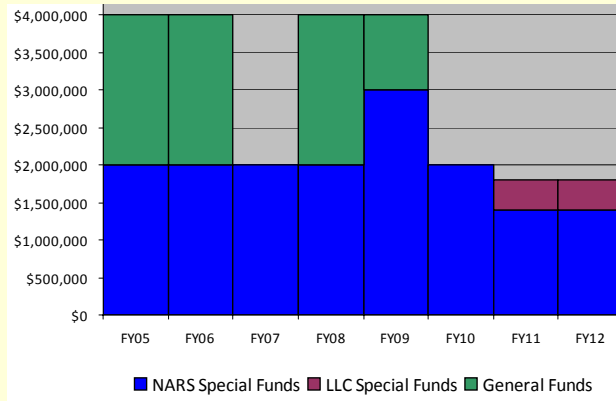
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# HISC's Niches



Cabinet-level Discussion



Disbursement of Funds

June 27, 2011  
 Chairpersons and Members  
 Hawai'i Invasive Species Council  
 State of Hawai'i

Co-Chair and Council Members:

**SUBJECT:** Briefing on the role of HISC to address current invasive species issues to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species, with recommendations for follow-up actions.

The HISC was established for the special purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State of Hawai'i and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful (HRS 104-7). The HISC Strategic Plan outlines the HISC's priorities in the Working Group areas of prevention, response and control, public outreach, and research and technology for FY2008-2011.

The measures of effectiveness for the HISC outlined in the strategic plan include advice and recommendations given to the Governor or legislature, member agency adoption of rules and policies against invasive species, and Working Group goals achieved. Each Working Group has its own tasks and measures of effectiveness listed out in the strategic plan. One of the key objectives of the Prevention Working Group is to prevent the movement of fresh invasive species between islands. A key objective for the Response and Control of Established Pests Working Group is to determine what species are invasive to trigger access provisions on private lands.

Several current and pressing issues have emerged that highlight the need for the HISC to provide additional authority to agencies by officially designating key species as invasive for the purpose of control, and to support efforts to prevent the introduction and interland transport of pests by identifying and pursuing rule changes that will address gaps in the biosecurity system, and the ability to effectively manage pests.

**ABSTRACT:**  
*Albizia* is native to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. It is a fast growing species capable of reaching 40 m in height and is difficult and costly to remove once established. *Albizia* associates with nitrogen-fixing bacteria in the soil, altering local soil composition and impacting the growth of native species. The tree

Resolutions

LIST DRAFT DATE: 06/28/2011

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO EMERGENCY RULES FOR THREATS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

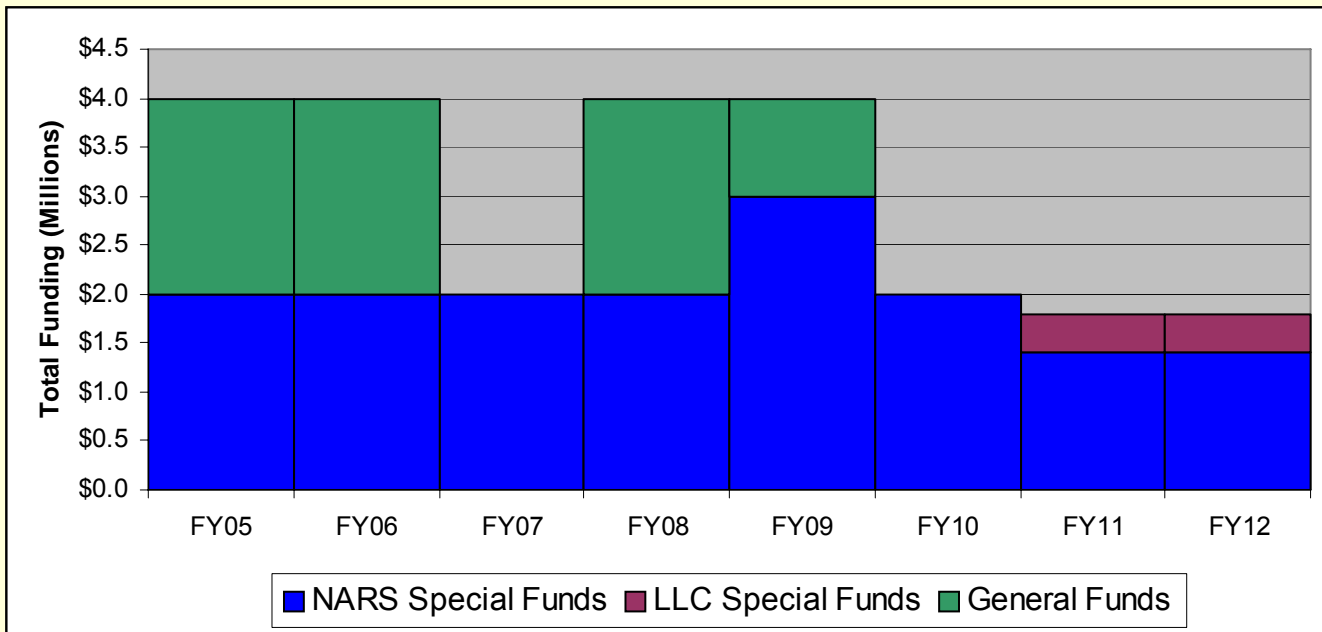
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 **SECTION 1.** The legislature finds that the unique  
 2 environment and natural resources of Hawaii face threats from  
 3 invasive species, changing climates, increased resource demands,  
 4 and other sources. In some cases, these threats constitute  
 5 imminent peril to natural resources or the health of the  
 6 environment that require rapid response. The legislature has  
 7 provided a means to adopt emergency rules in instances of  
 8 imminent peril to public health, safety, or morals, or to  
 9 livestock and poultry health, but not to natural resources or  
 10 the environment.  
 11 The purpose of this bill is to provide a means for agencies  
 12 to adopt emergency rules related to imminent peril to natural  
 13 resources or the health of the environment. This will allow  
 14 departments to respond rapidly to environmental threats.  
 15 **SECTION 2.** Section 91-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 16 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

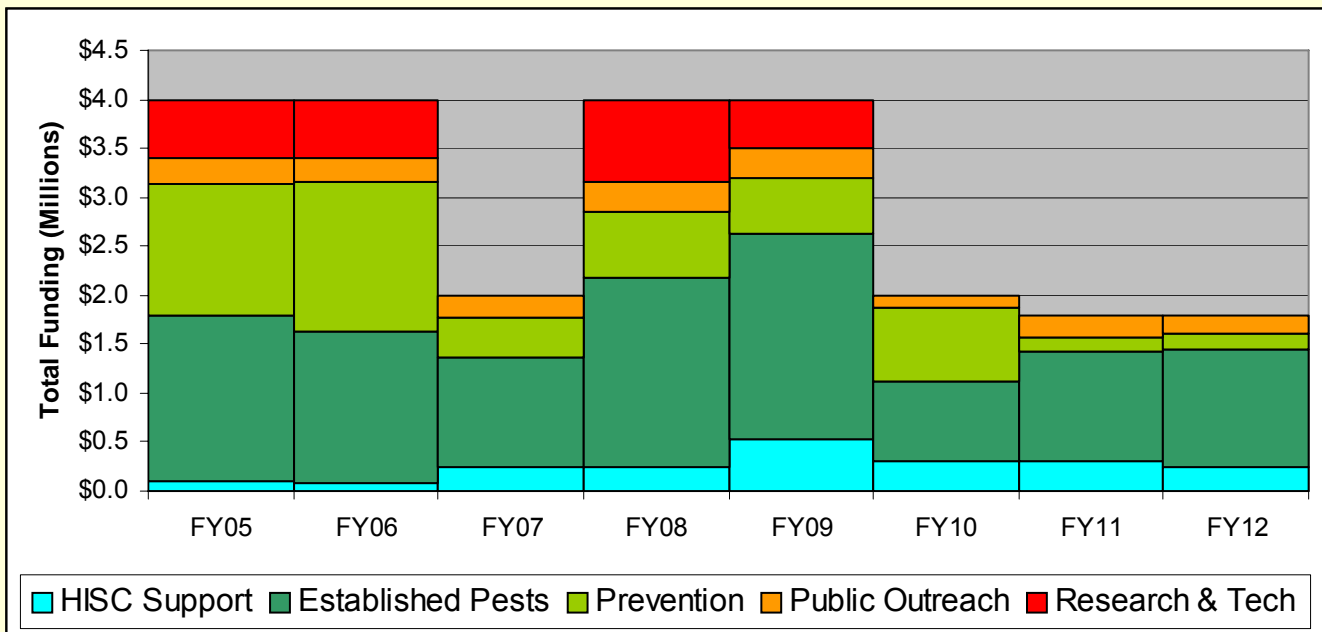
Legislation

# HISC Funds

## Funding Sources



## Funding Disbursements



# HISC FY12 Resolutions

- Development of HISC administrative rules for designation of “invasive” species
- Support for monitoring and mitigation of axis deer, albizia, ‘ōhi‘a rust, mosquitoes
- Support for review of the Micronesian Biosecurity Plan and the inclusion of risks to Hawai‘i



HISC 2012 Legislative proposal:  
Relating to emergency rules for  
threats to natural resources or the  
health of the environment.

Currently, emergency rules can be adopted by departments only in instances of imminent peril to:

Public health

Safety

Morals

Livestock or poultry health.


Department of Agriculture has authority to adopt emergency rules for eradication of agricultural pests (HRS 141-3). Department of Land and Natural Resources has no similar authority.





# Proposed amendments to HRS 91-3 (b)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an agency finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or morals, or to livestock and poultry health, or to natural resources or the health of the environment requires adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule upon less than thirty days' notice of hearing, and states in writing its reasons for such finding, it may proceed without prior notice or hearing or upon such abbreviated notice and hearing, including posting the abbreviated notice and hearing on the Internet as provided in section 91-2.6, as it finds practicable to adopt an emergency rule to be effective for a period of not longer than one hundred twenty days without renewal.



**Mahalo nui loa!  
Questions?**

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