
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY PLAN FOR THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF ALBIZIA THROUGHOUT THE STATE; STARTING WITH THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, AND TO PARTNER TO UTILIZE ALBIZIA TREES THAT ARE REMOVED AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INVESTIGATE BIOCONTROL AGENTS FOR THE CONTROL OF ALBIZIA.

1 WHEREAS, the *Falcataria moluccana*, commonly known as the
2 Albizia tree, is native to the South Pacific and was introduced
3 to Hawaii in 1917; and

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5 WHEREAS, Albizia is a fast growing tree with shallow roots,
6 brittle wood, and a weak structure; and

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8 WHEREAS, Albizia's rapid growth rate and soil-altering
9 roots and foliage pose a threat to lowland native forests,
10 falling Albizia trees and branches pose a safety hazard to
11 homeowners and motorists, and Albizia trees have damaged
12 overhead and underground utilities; and

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14 WHEREAS, Albizia has proliferated on the island of Hawaii
15 to the point where it has become a significant problem; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, a
18 voluntary partnership of private citizens, community
19 organizations, businesses, land owners, and government agencies,
20 has attempted to control and eradicate Albizia but has
21 experienced difficulty doing so because of the extent of
22 Albizia's proliferation on public and private lands and because
23 the Big Island Invasive Species Committee is significantly
24 underfunded at the policy level; and

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26 WHEREAS, policy-level direction, coordination, and planning
27 are needed to properly control and eradicate Albizia on the
28 island of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,



1 that the Invasive Species Council is urged to develop and
2 implement a comprehensive interagency plan for the control and
3 eradication of Albizia throughout the State, starting with the
4 island of Hawaii, pursuant to chapter 194, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Invasive Species Council is
8 urged to find partners to utilize the Albizia trees that are
9 removed; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
12 is urged to investigate biocontrol agents for the control of
13 Albizia; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
17 Agriculture and the Invasive Species Council.

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