
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the *Wasmannia*
2 *auropunctata*, known as the little fire ant, threatens native
3 biodiversity, alters tropical ecosystems, is detrimental to
4 human health, impedes tourism, diminishes agricultural
5 productivity, mars horticulture sales, and accordingly ranks
6 among the world's worst invasive species. Human behaviors and
7 habitats allow the little fire ant to move quickly, disperse
8 widely, produce high density populations, and inhabit locations
9 not otherwise possible.

10 The legislature also finds that Hawaii's tropical climate
11 is ideally suited for the colonization and growth of the little
12 fire ant. As of 2013, the little fire ant has been recorded in
13 every county in the State. Thus, prompt action is required to
14 eliminate the spread of this invasive species.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
16 department of land and natural resources, as the administrative
17 host of the Hawaii invasive species council, to support invasive
18 species prevention, control, outreach, and planning and to



1 prevent the proliferation of the little fire ant, *Wasmannia*
2 *auropunctata*, in the State.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for
6 projects undertaken in accordance with the Hawaii invasive
7 species council, including but not limited to invasive species
8 prevention, control, outreach, research, and planning and
9 preventing the proliferation of the little fire ant in the
10 State.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.
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Report Title:

Invasive Species Council; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and planning relating to the *Wasmannia auropunctata*.

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