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## 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 invasive species is  
2 one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's economy, natural  
3 environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people.  
4 Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the  
5 extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests,  
6 the spread of disease, and the quarantine of exported  
7 agricultural crops. The legislature notes that in 2009, the  
8 department of agriculture's existing dog detection program was  
9 put on hold due to loss of funding.

10           The legislature recognizes ongoing efforts to detect and  
11 eradicate invasive species to protect Hawaii's ecosystem,  
12 economy, and citizens' quality of life. The legislature finds  
13 that increasing detection methods available to agricultural  
14 producers will increase Hawaii's ability to detect and manage  
15 invasive species, as well as other agricultural pests, on the  
16 ground in vulnerable agricultural and rural areas. The  
17 legislature further finds that domestic dogs are a valuable  
18 asset as a companion animal, and with specialized training can



1 provide highly effective detection and protection for law  
2 enforcement as well as for individuals. The legislature also  
3 finds that farm security is a serious concern for the eighty-  
4 five per cent of small farmers in Hawaii with few resources to  
5 protect their investment in land, equipment, and other assets  
6 from trespass, vandalism, and theft.

7 The legislature further finds that creating a dog training  
8 program within the department of agriculture, to provide  
9 resources, community education, expertise, and training of  
10 domestic dogs to detect alien species with special training in  
11 farm security, will help defend against invasive species by  
12 creating a supply of detection dogs for use by the department  
13 and farmers to protect and support local agriculture.

14 The purpose of this Act is to establish a dog training  
15 program within the department of agriculture that specifically  
16 focuses on detection of invasive species and farm security.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§ 141-\_\_\_\_. Dog Training Program. There is established  
21 within the department of agriculture a dog training program to



1 develop and implement specialized trainings for dogs to detect  
2 invasive species and protect farm security interests."

3 SECTION 3. Section 141-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 " ~~§141-3.5~~ **Control or eradication programs.** (a) The  
6 department of agriculture shall develop and implement a detailed  
7 control or eradication program for any pest designated in  
8 section 141-3, using the best available technology in a manner  
9 consistent with state and federal law ~~[-]~~, including a dog  
10 detection training program to provide pest control resources to  
11 individuals.

12 (b) For any pest designated by emergency rule as provided  
13 in section 141-3, the department shall implement an emergency  
14 program using the best available technology in a manner  
15 consistent with state and federal law."

16 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall work with  
17 the pest control board to modify corresponding administrative  
18 rules, procedures, and contracts in conformity with the  
19 statutory amendments above, pursuant to chapter 91.

20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



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**Report Title:**

Agriculture; Dog Training Program

**Description:**

Establishes a dog training program within the Department of Agriculture to assist the Department and the public with training dogs for detection of alien species and farm security.

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