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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF INVASIVE ALBIZIA TREES.

1           WHEREAS, trees of the genus *Falcataria*, commonly known as  
2           albizia, were first introduced to Hawaii at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
3           Century; and  
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5           WHEREAS, since albizia trees are extremely fast-growing and  
6           prolific, these non-native species have become established in  
7           Hawaii to the detriment of both native plant species and public  
8           safety; and  
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10           WHEREAS, because of albizia's rapid growth rate, these  
11           trees frequently block sunlight to surrounding plants,  
12           effectively starving and killing them; and  
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14           WHEREAS, albizia trees are brittle and have weak root  
15           systems and, therefore, are more likely to break or fall in  
16           windy and rainy conditions than other trees of comparable size;  
17           and  
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19           WHEREAS, the susceptibility of albizia trees to inclement  
20           weather conditions combined with a tendency to grow in dense  
21           stands make them an especially worrisome hazard in the event of  
22           a hurricane or other natural disaster when falling or fallen  
23           trees can endanger public safety and impede access routes; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, an  
26           interagency collaboration housed within the Department of Land  
27           and Natural Resources, and the various island-based Invasive  
28           Species Committees funded by the Council are responsible for  
29           planning and carrying out invasive species control and  
30           eradication efforts throughout the State; and



1           WHEREAS, while albizia trees are present throughout the  
2 State, their impact on the public and the environment in any  
3 given area differs based on local conditions; and  
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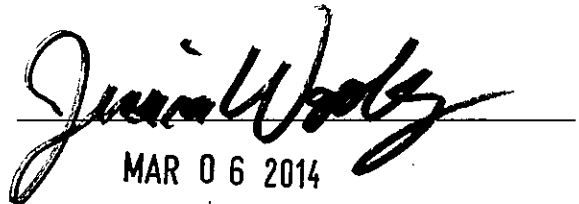
5           WHEREAS, any control and eradication response to albizia  
6 must take into account the diverse interests and concerns of the  
7 residents of affected areas; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2014, that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council is  
12 requested to provide opportunities for various stakeholders to  
13 provide input regarding the control and eradication of invasive  
14 albizia trees through its partnerships with the various island-  
15 based Invasive Species Committees; and  
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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is encouraged to  
18 solicit participation in this process from individuals as well  
19 as from organizations or agencies from both the public and  
20 private sectors in areas throughout the State that are affected  
21 by invasive albizia; and  
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
25 Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of  
26 Agriculture, Coordinator of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council,  
27 and the respective Chairs of the Big Island, Kauai, Maui,  
28 Molokai, and Oahu Invasive Species Committees.  
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