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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY FOR THE INTRASTATE TRANSPORT OF  
INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

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**PART I**

2           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that immediate action is  
3 needed to further protect Hawaii from the movement of invasive  
4 species between islands.

5           Through Act 85, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, the  
6 legislature recognized the silent invasion of Hawaii by alien  
7 invasive species as the single greatest threat to Hawaii's  
8 economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of  
9 Hawaii's people and visitors.

10           The legislature further finds that the State has spent  
11 millions of dollars to control the invasive coqui frog, but  
12 control efforts were too late to stop its spread across the  
13 island of Hawaii, where it now infests hundreds of thousands of  
14 acres, affecting tourism revenues, property values, residents'  
15 quality of life, and the environment. The coqui frog has been  
16 eradicated from Kauai and eradicated from most of the infested  
17 sites on Maui; however, the frog continues to be transported to



1 islands via shipments of landscape materials from infested  
2 nurseries and plant providers on the island of Hawaii. Some  
3 businesses on the other islands have become "revolving doors"  
4 for the reintroduction of coqui frogs, requiring constant  
5 expenditure of human and financial resources to detect and  
6 control new introductions. Each year, the department of  
7 agriculture and local invasive species committees respond to  
8 hundreds of new reports of coqui frogs. Coqui frogs have been  
9 detected in shipments of plant materials to Molokai on at least  
10 four different occasions. Equipment and vehicles may also  
11 vector coqui frogs to new locations.

12 The non-native little fire ant is widespread in the Hilo  
13 area and has now been detected in Waipio valley and Kona coffee  
14 farms. This little fire ant causes blindness in pets and  
15 livestock and threatens ground-nesting wildlife, agricultural  
16 production, and human health. The little fire ant has been  
17 successfully contained to one location on Kauai and almost  
18 eradicated from Maui, but it is known to be moving in inter-  
19 island commerce. In December 2013, the little fire ant was  
20 detected at several nurseries on Oahu and Maui on hapu'u tree  
21 ferns, and as a result, now appears to be established at several



1 locations on Oahu. The little fire ant can be moved via plants,  
2 cut flowers, fruit, soil, sand, equipment, and vehicles.

3 The legislature further finds that the constant  
4 reintroduction of these and other harmful and highly invasive  
5 species creates an unfair financial burden on islands where such  
6 pests are not known to occur or where active detection and  
7 control operations exist. The continued reintroduction of  
8 invasive species threatens to undermine or destroy ongoing  
9 efforts to keep such pests from becoming established. Existing  
10 law prohibits the movement of pest species inter-island and  
11 authorizes the department of agriculture to inspect and  
12 quarantine any infested materials. However, the department  
13 lacks adequate inspection capability, and some pests, such as  
14 the little fire ant and coqui frog, are exceptionally difficult  
15 to detect. Public reports are the best method to detect new  
16 populations of little fire ants and coqui frogs that have  
17 breached the State's quarantine system.

18 The legislature further finds that those residents and  
19 businesses on islands where these pests have become widespread  
20 are suffering enormous financial losses and decreases to their  
21 overall quality of life and that additional support is needed to  
22 develop effective control methods.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 2 (1) Establish an affirmative responsibility on the  
3 consignor of any landscape material or products,  
4 agricultural goods, construction materials, equipment,  
5 vehicles, soil, or sand to prevent the movement of  
6 coqui frogs, little fire ants, and other species  
7 designated by the department of agriculture;
- 8 (2) Support development of additional tools to stop the  
9 movement of invasive species between islands; and
- 10 (3) Provide necessary funds to achieve the objectives of  
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
14 to read as follows:

15 **"PART . RESTRICTIONS ON INTRASTATE MOVEMENT OF REGULATED**  
16 **ARTICLES**

17 **§150A- Restrictions on intrastate movement of regulated**  
18 **articles.** No person shall move any regulated article intrastate  
19 from any quarantined area except in accordance with this part.

20 **§150A- Definitions.**



1 "Certificate" means a document in which an inspector  
2 affirms that a specified regulated article meets the  
3 requirements of this part and may be moved intrastate.

4 "Compliance agreement" means a written agreement between  
5 the department and a person engaged in growing, handling, or  
6 moving regulated articles that are moved intrastate, in which  
7 the person agrees to comply with this part and any conditions  
8 imposed under this part.

9 "Coqui frog" means living frogs of the species  
10 *Eleutherodactylus coqui*.

11 "Limited permit" means a document in which an inspector  
12 affirms that a specified regulated article not eligible for a  
13 certificate is eligible for intrastate movement only to a  
14 specified destination and in accordance with conditions  
15 specified on the permit.

16 "Little fire ant" means living ants of the species  
17 *Wasmannia auropunctata*.

18 "Management plan" means a plan prepared by the department  
19 of agriculture that includes acceptable treatment options for  
20 infestations of the little fire ant, coqui frog, or any other  
21 species designated by the department.



1 "Movement" or "moved" means the act of shipping,  
2 transporting, delivering, or receiving for movement, or  
3 otherwise aiding, abetting, inducing, or causing to be moved.

4 "Non-compacted soil" means soil that can be removed from an  
5 article by brisk brushing or washing with water under normal  
6 water pressure.

7 "Reproducing colony" means:

8 (1) A combination of one or more little fire ant workers  
9 and one or more of the following immature little fire  
10 ant forms:

11 (A) Eggs;

12 (B) Larvae; or

13 (C) Pupae;

14 (2) A male and female coqui frog or a male coqui frog and  
15 coqui frog eggs; or

16 (3) Other forms or species designated by the department.

17 "Soil-moving equipment" means equipment used for moving or  
18 transporting soil, including but not limited to bulldozers, dump  
19 trucks, or road scrapers.

20 "Widespread infestation" means any island where little fire  
21 ant colonies, coqui frog colonies, or any other species as  
22 designated by the department, are present on more than twenty-



1 five acres and no active control or containment efforts are  
2 underway.

3 **§150A- Regulated articles.** The following are regulated  
4 articles:

- 5 (1) Little fire ant queens and reproducing colonies of  
6 little fire ants;
- 7 (2) Coqui frogs and reproducing colonies of coqui frogs;
- 8 (3) Baled hay and baled straw stored in direct contact  
9 with the ground;
- 10 (4) Non-propagated material related to agriculture,  
11 including but not limited to:
  - 12 (A) Compost;
  - 13 (B) Mulch; or
  - 14 (C) Fertilizer;
- 15 (5) Used soil-moving equipment, unless removed of all non-  
16 compacted soil; and
- 17 (6) Any other article or means of conveyance that an  
18 inspector determines presents a risk of spreading the  
19 little fire ant, coqui frog, or any other species  
20 designated by the department due to its proximity to  
21 an infestation of the little fire ant, coqui frog, or  
22 the designated species.



1           **§150A- Quarantined areas.** (a) The department shall  
2 quarantine each portion of the State that is infested.

3           (b) Less than an entire island may be listed as a  
4 quarantined area only if the department determines that:

5           (1) The county of which the island is a part has adopted  
6 and is enforcing restrictions on the intrastate  
7 movement of the regulated articles listed in this part  
8 that are equivalent to the restrictions on intrastate  
9 movement imposed by this part; and

10           (2) Designating less than the entire island as a  
11 quarantined area will prevent the spread of the little  
12 fire ant, coqui frog, or any other species designated  
13 by the department.

14           (c) The department may include uninfested acreage within a  
15 quarantined area due to its proximity to an infestation or  
16 inseparability from the infested locality for quarantine  
17 purposes, as determined by:

18           (1) Projections of the spread of little fire ants, coqui  
19 frogs, or any other species designated by the  
20 department around the periphery of the infestation, as  
21 determined by previous years' surveys;





1           (2) Availability of natural habitats and host materials,  
2           within the uninfested acreage, suitable for  
3           establishment and survival of populations of the  
4           little fire ant, coqui frog, or any other species  
5           designated by the department; and

6           (3) Necessity of including uninfested acreage within the  
7           quarantined area in order to establish readily  
8           identifiable boundaries.

9           (d) The department or an inspector may temporarily  
10          designate any non-quarantined area as a quarantined area in  
11          accordance with the criteria specified in subsections (a), (b),  
12          and (c). The department shall give written notice of this  
13          designation to the owner or person in possession of the non-  
14          quarantined area, or, in the case of publicly owned land, to the  
15          person responsible for the management of the non-quarantined  
16          area; thereafter, the intrastate movement of any regulated  
17          article from an area temporarily designated as a quarantined  
18          area is subject to this section. As soon as practicable, either  
19          this area shall be added to the list of designated quarantined  
20          areas in subsection (e), or the department shall terminate the  
21          designation. The department shall give written notice of the  
22          termination as soon as practicable to the owner or person in



1 possession of, or, in the case of publicly owned land, the  
2 person responsible for the management of, an area for which the  
3 designation is terminated.

4 (e) The designated quarantined areas include the county of  
5 Hawaii.

6 **§150A- Intrastate movement of regulated articles from**

7 **quarantined areas.** (a) Any regulated article may be moved  
8 intrastate from a quarantined area into or through a non-  
9 quarantined area only if moved under the following conditions:

10 (1) With a certificate or limited permit issued and  
11 attached in accordance with this part;

12 (2) Without a certificate or limited permit; provided that  
13 each of the following conditions is met:

14 (A) The regulated article was moved into the  
15 quarantined area from an area that was non-  
16 quarantined at the time the regulated article was  
17 taken;

18 (B) The point of origin is indicated on a waybill  
19 accompanying the regulated article;

20 (C) The regulated article is moved through the  
21 quarantined area without stopping except for  
22 refueling, or for traffic conditions, such as



1 traffic lights or stop signs, or has been stored,  
2 packed, or parked in locations inaccessible to  
3 the little fire ant, coqui frog, or any other  
4 species designated by the department, or in  
5 locations that have been treated in accordance  
6 with management plans under this part prepared by  
7 the department, while in or moving through any  
8 quarantined area; and

9 (D) The article has not been combined or commingled  
10 with other articles so as to lose its individual  
11 identity; or

12 (3) Without a certificate or limited permit; provided that  
13 the regulated article is a soil sample being moved to  
14 a laboratory approved by the department to process,  
15 test, or analyze soil samples.

16 (b) Any treatments shall be in accordance with management  
17 plans developed by the department.

18 **§150A- Issuance of a certificate or limited permit.** (a)  
19 An inspector may issue a certificate for the intrastate movement  
20 of a regulated article approved under a compliance agreement if  
21 it determines that the regulated article:



- 1           (1) Is eligible for unrestricted movement under all other
- 2                   applicable domestic plant quarantine regulations;
- 3           (2) Is to be moved intrastate in compliance with any
- 4                   additional conditions deemed necessary under state law
- 5                   to prevent the spread of the little fire ant, coqui
- 6                   frog, or any other species designated by the
- 7                   department; and
- 8           (3) Meets at least one of the following criteria:
- 9                   (A) Is free of infestations of the little fire ant,
- 10                   coqui frog, or any other species designated by
- 11                   the department, based on the individual's visual
- 12                   examination of the article;
- 13                   (B) Is grown, produced, manufactured, stored, or
- 14                   handled in a manner that would prevent
- 15                   infestation or would destroy all life stages of
- 16                   the little fire ant or coqui frog;
- 17                   (C) Is treated in accordance with department
- 18                   management plans developed under this part; or
- 19                   (D) If the article is containerized nursery stock,
- 20                   has been produced in accordance with requirements
- 21                   established under management plans developed
- 22                   under this part.



1 (b) An inspector shall issue blank certificates to a  
2 person operating under a compliance agreement in accordance with  
3 this part or authorize reproduction of the certificates on  
4 shipping containers, or both, as requested by the person  
5 operating under the compliance agreement. These certificates  
6 may then be completed and used, as needed, for the intrastate  
7 movement of regulated articles that have met all of the  
8 requirements of subsection (a).

9 (c) An inspector may issue a limited permit for the  
10 intrastate movement of a regulated article not eligible for a  
11 certificate if the inspector determines that the regulated  
12 article:

13 (1) Is to be moved intrastate to a specified destination  
14 for specified handling, utilization, or processing,  
15 where the destination and other conditions are listed  
16 in the limited permit, and this intrastate movement  
17 will not result in the spread of the little fire ant  
18 or coqui frog because the little fire ant or coqui  
19 frog will be destroyed by the specified handling,  
20 utilization, or processing; and

21 (2) Is to be moved intrastate in compliance with any  
22 conditions that the department may impose under this



1 part to prevent the spread of the little fire ant,  
2 coqui frog, or other species designated by the  
3 department.

4 **§150A- Compliance agreements.** (a) The department shall  
5 develop and implement a comprehensive and effective inter-island  
6 quarantine program, including the use of compliance agreements  
7 patterned after the United States Department of Agriculture's  
8 animal plant health inspection service as set forth in title 7  
9 Code of Federal Regulations section 301.81.

10 (b) Any person who grows, handles, or moves regulated  
11 articles intrastate may enter into a compliance agreement if the  
12 person reviews each stipulation of the compliance agreement with  
13 an inspector, has facilities and equipment to carry out  
14 disinfestation procedures or application of chemical materials  
15 in accordance with management plans developed under this part,  
16 and meets applicable state training and certification standards.  
17 Any person who enters into a compliance agreement with the  
18 department shall agree to comply with this part and any  
19 conditions imposed under this part.

20 **§150A- Cancellation of a certificate, limited permit, or**  
21 **compliance agreement.** An inspector may cancel, orally or in  
22 writing, any certificate, limited permit, or compliance



1 agreement whenever the inspector determines that the holder of  
2 the certificate or limited permit, or the person who has entered  
3 into the compliance agreement, has not complied with this part  
4 or any conditions imposed under this part. If the cancellation  
5 is oral, the cancellation shall become effective immediately and  
6 the cancellation and reasons for the cancellation shall be  
7 confirmed in writing as soon as circumstances allow but within  
8 twenty days after oral notification of the cancellation. Any  
9 person whose certificate, limited permit, or compliance  
10 agreement has been canceled may appeal the decision, in writing,  
11 within ten days after receipt of the written cancellation  
12 notice. The appeal shall state all of the facts and reasons the  
13 department should consider in deciding the appeal. A hearing  
14 may be held to resolve any conflict as to any material fact.  
15 The department shall adopt rules for the hearing in accordance  
16 with chapter 91. As soon as practicable, the department shall  
17 grant or deny the appeal, in writing, stating the reasons for  
18 the decision.

19 **§150A- Assembly and inspection of regulated articles.**

20 (a) Persons requiring certification or other services shall  
21 coordinate the services with an inspector at least forty-eight  
22 hours before the services are needed.



1 (b) The regulated articles shall be assembled at the place  
2 and in the manner the inspector determines is necessary to  
3 comply with this part.

4 **§150A- Attachment and disposition of certificates and**  
5 **limited permits.** (a) Any person transporting a regulated  
6 article intrastate shall ensure that the certificate or limited  
7 permit authorizing intrastate movement of the regulated article  
8 is, at all times during intrastate movement, attached to:

- 9 (1) The outside of the container encasing the regulated  
10 article;
- 11 (2) The article itself, if it is not in a container; or
- 12 (3) The consignee's copy of the accompanying waybill;  
13 provided that any description of the regulated article  
14 on the certificate or limited permit, and on the  
15 waybill, are sufficient to identify the regulated  
16 article.

17 (b) The consignor shall furnish the certificate or limited  
18 permit authorizing intrastate movement of a regulated article or  
19 cause the certificate or limited permit to be furnished to the  
20 consignee at the shipment's destination.

21 **§150A- Little fire ant and coqui frog detection,**  
22 **control, exclusion, and enforcement program for nurseries**





1 **producing containerized plants.** (a) There is established in  
2 the department a little fire ant and coqui frog detection,  
3 control, exclusion, and enforcement program for nurseries  
4 producing containerized plants. The program is designed to keep  
5 nurseries free of the little fire ant and coqui frog, and  
6 provide a basis to certify containerized nursery stock for  
7 intrastate movement. Participating nurseries shall operate  
8 under a compliance agreement in accordance with this part. Such  
9 compliance agreements shall state the specific requirements that  
10 a nursery agrees to follow to move plants in accordance with the  
11 requirements of the program. Certificates and a nursery  
12 identification number may be issued to the nursery for use on  
13 shipments of regulated articles.

14 (b) Participating nurseries shall survey their entire  
15 premises twice a month for the presence of little fire ants and  
16 coqui frogs using protocols established by the department.

17 (c) Participating nurseries shall be inspected by an  
18 inspector at least twice per year. More frequent inspections  
19 may be necessary depending upon little fire ant or coqui frog  
20 infestation levels immediately surrounding the nursery, the  
21 thoroughness of nursery management in maintaining a little-fire-  
22 ant-free or coqui-free premises, and the number of previous



1 detections of little fire ants or coqui frogs in or near  
2 containerized plants. Any nurseries determined during nursery  
3 inspections to have little fire ant or coqui frog colonies shall  
4 be immediately treated to the extent necessary to eliminate the  
5 colonies.

6 (d) Under this program, nursery plants that are  
7 transported shall originate in a nursery that meets the  
8 requirements of this part. Nurseries shall implement a  
9 treatment program with registered bait and contact insecticides  
10 for the little fire ant and hot water treatment or other  
11 department-approved treatments for coqui frogs. The premises,  
12 including growing and holding areas, shall be maintained free of  
13 the little fire ant and coqui frog. As part of this treatment  
14 program, all exposed soil surfaces, including sod and mulched  
15 areas, on property where plants are grown, potted, stored,  
16 handled, loaded, unloaded, or sold shall be treated with  
17 approved insecticide or pesticide consistent with departmental  
18 standards. Follow-up treatments with a contact insecticide in  
19 accordance with management plans under this part shall be  
20 applied to eliminate all remaining colonies.

21 (e) For plants grown on the premises of participating  
22 nurseries, treatment of soil and potting media in accordance



1 with standards established by management plans developed by the  
2 department prior to planting is required.

3 (f) For plants received by participating nurseries from  
4 outside sources, to prevent the spread into a nursery free of  
5 the imported fire ant by newly introduced, infested nursery  
6 plants, all plants shall be:

7 (1) Obtained from nurseries in compliance with the  
8 requirements of this section and that operate under a  
9 compliance agreement in accordance with this part; or

10 (2) Treated upon delivery in accordance with management  
11 plans under this part, and within the specified number  
12 of days be either:

13 (A) Repotted in treated potting soil media;

14 (B) Retreated in accordance with management plans  
15 under this part at the specified interval; or

16 (C) Transported.

17 (g) Participating nurseries shall maintain records of the  
18 nursery's surveys and treatments for the little fire ant or  
19 coqui frog. These records shall be made available to the  
20 department upon request.

21 (h) If an inspector detects little fire ants or coqui  
22 frogs in nursery stock of a participating nursery, issuance of



1 certificates for movement shall be suspended until necessary  
2 treatments are applied and the plants and nursery premises are  
3 determined to be free of the little fire ant and coqui frog.  
4 The department may declare a nursery to be free of the little  
5 fire ant and coqui frog upon reinspection of the premises. This  
6 inspection shall be conducted no sooner than thirty days after  
7 treatment. During this period, certification may be based upon  
8 treatments for plants in accordance with management plans  
9 developed by the department under this part.

10 (i) Upon notification by the county that a confirmed  
11 little fire ant infestation was found on a shipment from a  
12 nursery that had until then been considered free of the little  
13 fire ant, the department shall cease its certification of  
14 shipments from that nursery. An investigation shall commence  
15 immediately to determine the probable source of the problem and  
16 to ensure that the problem is resolved. If the problem is an  
17 infestation, issuance of certification for movement on the basis  
18 of little-fire-ant-free or coqui-free premises shall be  
19 suspended until treatment and elimination of the infestation is  
20 completed. Reinstatement into the program may be granted upon  
21 determination that the nursery premises are free of the little



1 fire ant or coqui frog, and that all other provisions of this  
2 part are being followed.

3 (j) In cases where the issuance of certificates is  
4 suspended through oral notification, the suspension and the  
5 reasons for the suspension shall be confirmed in writing within  
6 twenty days of the oral notification of the suspension. Any  
7 nursery whose issuance of certificates has been suspended may  
8 appeal the decision, in writing, within ten days after receipt  
9 of a written suspension notice. The appeal shall state all of  
10 the facts and reasons that the department should consider in  
11 deciding the appeal. A hearing may be held to resolve any  
12 conflict as to any material fact. The department shall adopt  
13 rules for the hearing in accordance with chapter 91. As soon as  
14 practicable, the department shall grant or deny the appeal, in  
15 writing, stating the reasons for the decision.

16 **§150A- County authority.** Unless and until the  
17 department implements these provisions, including the adoption  
18 of any necessary rules, any county may establish its own  
19 requirements by ordinance to prevent the introduction of  
20 infested, regulated articles, consistent with the intent of this  
21 law and not in conflict with any departmental rules, including  
22 but not limited to:



- 1 (1) Development of a little-fire-ant free certification
- 2 program;
- 3 (2) Development of a coqui-frog-free certification
- 4 program; and
- 5 (3) Treatment requirements for regulated articles being
- 6 moved to any island of the county.

7 **§150A- Information sharing.** The department shall make  
8 available online on a monthly basis the numbers and locations by  
9 island of all interceptions of little fire ants and coqui frogs  
10 detected by department inspectors.

11 **§150A- Penalties.** Any person who moves infested  
12 regulated articles intrastate shall be subject to a fine equal  
13 to the value of the shipment or \$10,000, whichever is greater."

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to the  
17 department of agriculture for enforcing restrictions on  
18 intrastate movement of regulated articles and the establishment  
19 of an inter-island quarantine program to control intrastate  
20 movement of invasive species.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
22 agriculture for the purposes of this part.



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**PART II**

SECTION 4. (a) There is established within the Hawaii  
invasive species council an invasive species task force to  
address the continued movement of invasive plants, plant pests,  
and vertebrate pests between islands.

(b) The invasive species task force shall:

(1) Consider and propose recommendations to address the  
continued movement of invasive plants, plant pests,  
and vertebrate pests between islands;

(2) Gather relevant background data on invasive species  
that pose a threat to Hawaii;

(3) Assess the current and future impact of invasive  
species to Hawaii;

(4) Examine and assess existing methods for addressing  
invasive species in Hawaii;

(5) Examine needed state policies or responses to address  
the continued movement of invasive species between  
islands; and

(6) Examine other concerns of the task force regarding  
invasive species movement in Hawaii.



1 (c) The invasive species task force shall consist of  
2 representatives from the following departments, sectors, and  
3 organizations:

- 4 (1) Department of land and natural resources;
- 5 (2) Department of agriculture;
- 6 (3) Department of health;
- 7 (4) Department of business, economic development, and  
8 tourism;
- 9 (5) Department of transportation;
- 10 (6) University of Hawaii;
- 11 (7) Agriculture;
- 12 (8) Horticulture;
- 13 (9) Shipping;
- 14 (10) Tourism; and
- 15 (11) Others as determined by the Hawaii invasive species  
16 council.

17 (d) Members of the task force shall designate a chair from  
18 among themselves and serve without compensation for their  
19 service on the task force, but may be reimbursed for reasonable  
20 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred for serving on the  
21 task force.





1 (e) The invasive species task force shall meet at least  
2 four times to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations and  
3 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
5 the regular session of 2015.

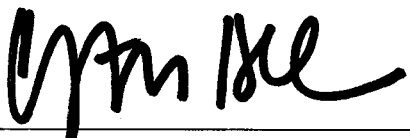
6 (f) The invasive species task force shall be dissolved on  
7 July 1, 2015.

8 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to  
11 establish the invasive species task force to address the  
12 continued movement of invasive plants, plant pests, and  
13 vertebrate pests between islands, including the use for  
14 facilitation or consultant services necessary to gather relevant  
15 background data and travel to ensure adequate statewide  
16 representation.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii  
18 invasive species council for the purposes of this part.

19 **PART III**

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

**Report Title:**

Invasive Species; Civil Liability; Intrastate Transport; Task Force; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes an affirmative responsibility on the consignor of any landscape material or products, agricultural goods, construction materials, equipment, vehicles, soil, or sand to prevent the movement of invasive species in Hawaii.

Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to enforce restrictions on intrastate movement of invasive species.

Establishes and appropriates funds for an invasive species task force to address the continued movement of invasive plants, plant pests, and vertebrate pests between islands.

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