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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT FEDERAL POLICY TO  
PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES, AND TO  
MANAGE AND PREVENT THE UNCONTROLLED PROLIFERATION OF  
INVASIVE SPECIES.

1           WHEREAS, the federal government has no single policy  
2 prohibiting or limiting the import and keeping of invasive  
3 species in the United States; and  
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5           WHEREAS, federal regulations on invasive species are found  
6 in public laws and Acts that place responsibility for  
7 administration and enforcement under different agencies and  
8 departments, such as the United States Department of the  
9 Interior, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United  
10 States Department of Defense, United States Army, United States  
11 Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of  
12 Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, United States  
13 Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Service,  
14 United States Army Corps of Engineers, and other agencies; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the proliferation of invasive species like feral  
17 pigs, goats, deer, and wild cattle; Asian carp; coqui frogs;  
18 snails; exotic plants; aquatic and marine species; and other  
19 noxious pests extends beyond the jurisdiction of individual  
20 states; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the proliferation of these invasive species  
23 inflicts irreparable damage to native habitats, native  
24 ecosystems, and native species; and  
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26           WHEREAS, states, organizations, agencies, and individuals  
27 are allowed to import invasive species under state laws that are  
28 different from state to state, with differing levels of  
29 permitting, monitoring, protection, management, and enforcement;  
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1 WHEREAS, the management and control of import and  
2 proliferation of invasive species would benefit from application  
3 of federal guidelines, standards, regulations, and oversight;  
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6 WHEREAS, invasive species damage native ecosystems,  
7 threaten habitats, cause damage to crops, disrupt farming and  
8 other agricultural activities that contribute to the country's  
9 security and economy, and result in serious threats to endemic  
10 species important for ecological and environmental health; and

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12 WHEREAS, healthy, native, natural environments extend  
13 beyond states' jurisdictions and benefit the entire country; and

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15 WHEREAS, there is no federal clearinghouse or agency solely  
16 responsible for the collection of information, enforcement, and  
17 planning for the reduction and management of invasive species;  
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20 WHEREAS, the control and management of the proliferation of  
21 invasive species would benefit from national standards for  
22 invasive species, to include introduction criteria, invasive  
23 species management and monitoring standards, limitations on  
24 introductions and imports, and licensing and permitting of  
25 invasive species introductions; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the federal government  
30 is urged to adopt federal policy to prohibit the introduction  
31 of invasive species, and to manage and prevent the uncontrolled  
32 proliferation of invasive species; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
36 United States; President Pro Tempore of the United States  
37 Senate; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;  
38 Chairperson of the United States Senate Committee on  
39 Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Chairperson of the United  
40 States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Fisheries,  
41 Wildlife, Oceans And Insular Affairs; National Marine Fisheries  
42 Service Pacific Islands Regional Administrator; Hawaii's  
43 congressional delegation; Governor; and Chairperson of the Board  
44 of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

