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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT FEDERAL POLICY TO PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF NON-NATIVE 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 non-native
3 species into 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 non-native species like feral
17 pigs, goats, deer and wild cattle; Asian carp; coqui frogs;
18 snails; exotic plants; invasive aquatic and marine species; and
19 other noxious pests extends beyond the jurisdiction of
20 individual states; and
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22 WHEREAS, the proliferation of these invasive species
23 inflict 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 non-native species under state laws that
28 are different from state to state, with differing levels of
29 permitting, monitoring, protection, management, and enforcement;
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32 WHEREAS, the management and control of import and
33 proliferation of non-native species would benefit from



1 application of federal guidelines, standards, regulations, and
2 oversight; and
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4 WHEREAS, invasive species damage native ecosystems,
5 threaten habitats, cause damage to crops, disrupt farming and
6 other agricultural activities that contribute to the country's
7 security and economy and result in serious threats to endemic
8 species important for ecological and environmental health; and
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10 WHEREAS, healthy native, natural environments extend beyond
11 states' jurisdictions and benefit the entire country; and
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13 WHEREAS, there is no federal clearinghouse or agency solely
14 responsible for the collection of information, enforcement, and
15 planning for the reduction and management of invasive species;
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18 WHEREAS, the control and management of the proliferation of
19 non-native species becoming invasive species would benefit from
20 national standards for non-native species, to include
21 introduction criteria, non-native species management and
22 monitoring standards, limitations on introductions and imports,
23 and licensing and permitting of non-native species
24 introductions; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
28 that the federal government is urged to adopt federal policy to
29 prohibit the introduction of non-native species, and to manage
30 and prevent the uncontrolled proliferation of invasive species;
31 and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
35 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of
36 the United States House of Representatives, Chairperson of the
37 United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
38 Forestry, Chairperson of the United States House of
39 Representatives Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans And
40 Insular Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service Pacific
41 Islands Regional Administrator, Hawaii's congressional
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1 delegation, Governor, and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
2 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
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