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# SENATE 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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32           WHEREAS, the management and control of import and  
33 proliferation of invasive species would benefit from application



1 of federal guidelines, standards, regulations, and oversight;  
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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  
11 beyond 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 invasive species would benefit from national standards for  
20 invasive species, to include introduction criteria, invasive  
21 species management and monitoring standards, limitations on  
22 introductions and imports, and licensing and permitting of  
23 invasive species introductions; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,  
27 that the federal government is urged to adopt federal policy to  
28 prohibit the introduction of invasive species, and to manage  
29 and prevent the uncontrolled proliferation of invasive species;  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States;  
34 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; Speaker of  
35 the United States House of Representatives; Chairperson of the  
36 United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and  
37 Forestry; Chairperson of the United States House of  
38 Representatives Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans And  
39 Insular Affairs; National Marine Fisheries Service Pacific  
40 Islands Regional Administrator; Hawaii's congressional  
41 delegation; Governor; and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees  
42 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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