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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERISLAND MOVEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the interisland  
2 spread of invasive species is harmful to agriculture, native  
3 biota, public health, and the economic well-being of the State.  
4 Further, the legislature finds that these pests continue to move  
5 to new areas within the State through varied transportation  
6 methods and on various agricultural and non-agricultural  
7 commodities, which may or may not be subject to inspection for  
8 pests or subject to treatment.

9           To more effectively mitigate the spread of invasive  
10 species, the Hawaii invasive species council and the biosecurity  
11 program of the department of agriculture should use their  
12 strengths and resources more efficiently. The Hawaii invasive  
13 species council should direct the invasive species committees to  
14 focus their resources on reducing invasive species in non-  
15 agricultural areas, specifically conservation lands and  
16 residential areas. The department of agriculture should focus  
17 its resources on reducing invasive species in agricultural



1 production areas and performing inspections, certifications, and  
2 treatments, if required.

3 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall work  
4 through existing contracts and appropriated funds for invasive  
5 species activities to undertake invasive species management  
6 related to agricultural lands and agricultural and non-  
7 agricultural commodities as follows:

8 (1) The department of agriculture shall use funds from the  
9 pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to:

10 (A) Develop an interisland and export database that  
11 allows for the trace-back and trace-forward of  
12 agricultural commodities, type and varieties  
13 inspected by the department of agriculture,  
14 quantity of commodities, and other pertinent  
15 information;

16 (B) Provide a risk level assessment for the various  
17 non-agricultural commodities being transported  
18 interisland for specific pests based on collected  
19 data and scientific analysis to determine risk;

20 (C) Increase the priority of inspection of  
21 agricultural commodities transported between



- 1 islands, without impacting or jeopardizing the  
2 inspection of imported agricultural commodities  
3 from out-of-state;
- 4 (D) Develop quarantine treatments for high-risk  
5 commodities moving between islands; and
- 6 (E) Coordinate planning with the department of  
7 transportation for inspection and quarantine  
8 treatment capabilities at or adjacent to ports of  
9 entry; and
- 10 (2) The department of agriculture shall use funds from the  
11 agricultural development and food security special  
12 fund to:
- 13 (A) Implement pest management programs statewide in  
14 potted plant production, cut-flower and cut-  
15 foliage production, fruit and nut crops, and  
16 vegetable and herb crops; and
- 17 (B) Provide chemicals and equipment to assist growers  
18 in reducing infestation in agricultural areas,  
19 statewide, that may arise as a result of the  
20 interisland movement of invasive species.



1 SECTION 3. The department of agriculture shall submit an  
2 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
3 to the convening of the regular session of 2017 and every  
4 regular session thereafter. In addition to any forms, reports,  
5 and other submittals from the department of accounting and  
6 general services that relate to the subject matter of this Act,  
7 the report by the department of agriculture shall include but  
8 not be limited to:

- 9 (1) The status of each activity required by this Act  
10 including for each activity:
- 11 (A) All expenditures;
  - 12 (B) Descriptions of and the purposes of any activity-  
13 related travel;
  - 14 (C) Workforce allocation; and
  - 15 (D) Measure of effectiveness;
- 16 (2) Number of acres in pest management in total and by  
17 crop;
- 18 (3) Summary of interisland inspections and export  
19 inspection activities;
- 20 (4) Projections by year of future expenditures and future  
21 acreage to be under pest management by crop; and



1           (5) Activities yet to be completed, and, if applicable, an  
2                   explanation why they were not completed.

3           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the pest  
4 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund the sum of  
5 \$                   or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
6 year 2016-2017 for the purposes set forth in section 2(1) of  
7 this Act.

8           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
9 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

10          SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the agricultural  
11 development and food security special fund the sum of  
12 \$                   or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2016-2017 for the purposes set forth in section 2(2) of  
14 this Act.

15          The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

17          SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for  
20 the purposes of this Act.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Department of  
2 Agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Invasive Species; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Appropriation

**Description:**

Mandates the Department of Agriculture to perform specified tasks to address the interisland spread of invasive species. Requires annual report. Makes appropriations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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