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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HONEY BEE COLONIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pollination by honey  
2 bees is a vital part of agricultural production. One-third of  
3 the food produced in North America and nearly ninety-five  
4 varieties of fruits and other foods rely on pollination by honey  
5 bees.

6           The legislature further finds that since Hawaii cannot  
7 import honey bees, the State must protect the existing honey bee  
8 population by preventing the intentional extermination of honey  
9 bee colonies.

10          The purpose of this Act is to prohibit pest control  
11 operators from exterminating honey bee colonies that can be  
12 safely removed and transported to a different location.

13          SECTION 2. Chapter 460J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16          "§460J-           Honey bee extermination. (a) Prior to  
17 eliminating or terminating any honey bee colony, a pest control



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1 operator shall contact an apiologist, a melittologist, an  
 2 entomologist, or a beekeeper to determine whether the honey bee  
 3 colony can be safely removed and transported to a new location.

4 (b) If the apiologist, melittologist, entomologist, or  
 5 beekeeper determines that the honey bee colony can be safely  
 6 removed and transported, the pest control operator shall make  
 7 arrangements to safely remove and transport the bee colony to an  
 8 appropriate location.

9 (c) If the apiologist, melittologist, entomologist, or  
 10 beekeeper determines that the honey bee colony cannot be safely  
 11 removed and transported, the pest control operator may eliminate  
 12 or terminate the honey bee colony as provided in this chapter."

13 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
 14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
 15 begun before its effective date.

16 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Pest Control Operators; Honey Bees; Extermination

**Description:**

Requires pest control operators to contact an expert prior to terminating a honey bee colony to determine whether the colony can be safely removed and transported.

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