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**Testimony of the
HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL**

**Before the Senate Committees on
JUDICIARY AND LABOR
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday, February 27, 2015
10:05 AM
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1059, SD1
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Senate Bill 1059, SD1 would enhance biosecurity by establishing restrictions on the interisland movement of pests and infested material, and prohibits the possession, harboring, transport, rearing, breeding, distribution, or release of a pest, unless permitted by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). This measure also authorizes the HDOA to place islands or localities within islands under quarantine if designated as infested with a pest, and describes a compliance agreement program to allow material to move out of a quarantined area. **The interagency Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) supports this measure.**

The HISC recognizes minimizing the potential for invasive species to move within or between islands is critical to preserving Hawaii's environment, agriculture, and way of life. The HISC recognizes the importance of establishing the restrictions and authorities described in this measure and supports the HDOA's efforts to enhance intrastate biosecurity.

The HISC appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.