
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND REGULATORY CONSEQUENCES OF CROP DEGRADATION CAUSED BY INVASIVE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species have negative
2 impacts on Hawaii crop and animal production, including
3 declining yields and depressed returns from the cultivation of
4 agricultural products; and

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6 WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species are affecting
7 farmers statewide, and negative impacts are particularly acute
8 where the invasive and endangered species are relatively
9 recently introduced and traditional methods for control have not
10 been established; and

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12 WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species directly affect
13 the growing of crops for local consumption and directly impact
14 Hawaii farmers' ability to supply fresh local crops to people in
15 the State; and

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17 WHEREAS, while farmers and ranchers have experienced the
18 negative impacts of invasive and endangered species, they don't
19 necessarily have the training to document the economic and
20 agricultural harm being caused by these damaging pests; and

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22 WHEREAS, identifying the impacts of invasive and endangered
23 species on Hawaii agriculture is necessary to facilitate a
24 unified federal, state, and county effort to address this
25 agricultural threat; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
29 that the Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and
30 Natural Resources are requested to identify economic,
31 environmental, and regulatory consequences of crop degradation
32 caused by invasive and endangered species in Hawaii; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
3 and Department of Land and Natural Resources are requested to
4 submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including
5 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
7 2018; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
11 Agriculture; Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation
12 Service; Administrator of the Farm Service Agency; Under
13 Secretary of the Rural Development Agency of the United States
14 Department of Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and
15 Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
16 Agribusiness Development Corporation; Director of Health; Dean
17 of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and
18 the Project Manager of the Economic Research Organization at the
19 University of Hawaii; Directors of Planning of the Counties of
20 Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; Director of Planning and Permitting of
21 the City and County of Honolulu; Executive Director of Economic
22 Development of the City and County of Honolulu; Director of
23 Economic Development of the County of Kauai; Coordinator of
24 Economic Development of the County of Maui; Director of Research
25 and Development of the County of Hawaii; Co-Chairpersons of the
26 Hawaii Invasive Species Council; and Executive Director of the
27 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

