

HB 1339, HD1

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**MARCH 13 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1339 HD1
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1339 HD1. This bill will provide the vehicle for the restructuring of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (HISA). The restructuring will attach the HISA to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture which will coordinate the implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. HISA will become the vehicle to organize the State's Invasive Species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement and outreach activities. The Department strongly supports this measure.

At the Department of Agriculture, we are keenly aware of the economic impact that invasive pest species has on our farmers. Additionally, new pest species affect the outdoor environment that we live, work, and play in. The establishment of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority places the efforts of controlling and managing invasive pests under one regulatory authority with dedicated staff and resources. HISA will also have a board comprised of vested stakeholders, including a member from the agricultural industry, natural resource conservation, and the Native Hawaiian cultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1339, H.D. 1, RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2017 **TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 224

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
Hauhani Burns, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments about this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council into a new entity, the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (“authority”), to be administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture.

There is a concern regarding the bill’s definition of “department.” On page 4, lines 3-4, the bill defines “department” as “any entity that is a member of the authority.” In order to clearly distinguish which members of the authority are defined as a “department,” we suggest adding the word “government” to the definition. We recommend that the definition of “department” on page 4, lines 3-4, be amended to read as follows:

“Department” means any governmental entity whose representative or designee is a member of the authority.

There is also a concern regarding the method by which the authority adopts a list of invasive species for control or eradication. On page 5, lines 4-5, section ___-3(a)(4) requires the authority to “[a]dopt a list of invasive species designated pursuant to paragraph (3).” To clarify the method by which the list is created and to provide notice to private property owners that certain pests are important enough that government may

need to enter their property for control or eradication, we recommend that section ____-3(a)(4) be amended to read as follows:

“Adopt a list of invasive species designated pursuant to paragraph (3), by rule.”

In addition, there is a concern regarding section 3 of the bill. On page 16, line 20, through page 17, line 2, the bill amends section 26-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to specifically include the proposed new authority as a board or commission. Respectfully, we believe it is unnecessary to do this. Under existing statutes, it is clear that the authority is a board or commission. Section 3 of the bill, therefore, we suggest is unnecessary and could be deleted in its entirety (page 14, line 16, to page 17, line 2).

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Monday, March 13, 2017
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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1339, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

House Bill 1339, House Draft 1 would restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (HISA), an agency attached administratively to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) with expanded board membership that would allow for participation from non-governmental stakeholders. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department has acted as the administrative host of the interagency HISC since its creation in 2003 and serves as co-chair along with the HDOA. Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires the HISC to perform a broad spectrum of policy and coordination duties associated with invasive species. The HISC also manages an annual interagency budget to support innovative interagency projects that fill gaps between agency mandates. Chapter 194, HRS, establishes the HISC as a board only, comprised of chairs or directors of state departments, and does not provide staff or funding for the operation of the HISC. As such, the Department has provided existing staff resources to effectuate the directions of the HISC.

This measure would add three non-ex-officio seats to the voting board, to be appointed by the Governor, to represent the interests of stakeholders outside of state government including agricultural and horticultural stakeholders, conservation stakeholders, and an individual with expertise in Native Hawaiian cultural practices. This measure would also authorize the HISA to hire staff necessary to effectuate the direction of the board, and provides an appropriation for this purpose. Rather than being administratively hosted within an existing agency, the HISA would function as a semi-autonomous attached agency.

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With regard to attachment to HDOA, the Department notes that HDOA has broad mandates regarding invasive species and biosecurity and would be an appropriate agency to which the HISA could be attached. As proposed, both the Department and HDOA would continue to act as co-chairs on the board of directors.

This measure also appropriates funds for an interagency budget to support gap-filling projects, similar to that currently operated by the HISC. The amount of funding requested for this appropriation matches the need identified by invasive species practitioners for interagency projects in Fiscal Year 18. Pre-proposals describing potential uses of appropriated funds were developed by researchers and project leads across various agencies, and can be found in detail on the HISC website.

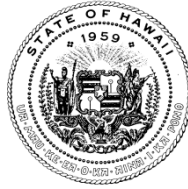
In preparation of an attached agency concept for invasive species coordination, HISC staff conducted a stakeholder survey to gather input on desired components of an enhanced coordinating entity. Stakeholder input was broadly supportive of the HISA concept.

Establishing the HISA is a key recommendation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan (2017-2027), which is part of the Governor's Sustainable Hawaii Initiative. Biosecurity Plan action item #82 (PosPol 2.1) describes the need to enact legislation restructuring the HISC as the HISA, and item #104 (PosTifs 1.1) describes the need to fund the operating cost and interagency budget needs of this program. The HISA would be the primary entity responsible for facilitating implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and would be responsible for tracking progress toward implementation and providing reports to the legislature

With regard to the appropriation amount in this measure for interagency invasive species project needs, the Department notes that the HISC has solicited pre-proposals for Fiscal Year 2018, totaling roughly \$10,000,000. These pre-proposals are available online at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/hisc/projects/fy18/>. These critical projects include the maintenance of the Invasive Species Committees for the early detection of and rapid response to invasive plants and insects, maintaining the work of the Hawaii Ant Lab to control little fire ants statewide, and new research and control efforts for Rapid Ohia Death and mosquitoes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill which expands the authority of the existing Hawaii Invasive Species Council.

The DOT finds its membership on this council useful in providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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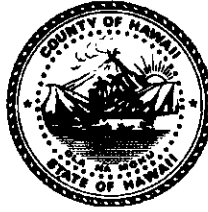
Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1339 HD1 which restructures the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity plan and related duties, and appropriates funds for this purpose.

The University of Hawai'i is a member of the interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, and will remain a member under the restructuring proposed in HB 1339 HD1. We support this restructuring and attachment to the Department of Agriculture, and believe that it will strengthen efforts to prevent and control invasive pests, plants, and plant diseases in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the effort to testify in support of HB 1339 HD1.

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March 10, 2017

Senator Mike Gabbard
Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i State Capitol
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Dear Chair Gabbard and Members:

RE: Invasive Species

HB 186 HD1 Relating to Coffee Berry Borer Beetle

HB 481 HD1 Relating to Invasive Species

HB 1301 HD2 Relating to Invasive Species (Liability)

HB 1339 HD1 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration

You have several bills on today's agenda dealing with invasive species, including HB 186 HD1; HB 481 HD1; HB 1301 HD2; and HB 1339 HD1. Although I am reluctant to single out one bill over another, and defer to your good judgment as to the merits of each, I do want to urge that funding to fight the coffee berry borer beetle (HB186) and little fire ants (HB481) should be approved if at all possible.

Beyond that, I primarily want to thank you for the attention that this issue is getting from you. The Council of Mayors has identified invasive species as a top-priority that deserves all our attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

Mike Gabbard
Agriculture and Environment
March 10, 2017

With the possible exception (so far) of the parakeet problem, it seems that Hawaii County has suffered a disproportionate share of the damage caused by invasive species, including coffee berry borer beetle, little fire ants, coqui frogs, rapid ohia death and probably others. But all our islands, and all our constituents, are at risk. My primary request to you would be "Please don't give up." As a county, we do not have the resources or expertise to fight these devastating invaders on our own. We need as much assistance from you as you can offer.

Respectfully submitted,


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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON HB 1339, HD1
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the intent of a strong Biosecurity Plan, however, provides the following comments relating to HB 1339, HD1, establishing an Invasive Species Authority.

The 2016 Legislature required a Plant Quarantine Branch, financial and performance audit; report to 2017 legislature. The preface to HB 1339 does not reference the findings of the audit. It would appear prudent that findings of the audit be reviewed before approving these massive changes to the Invasive Species management program.

Hawaii Agriculture has a long track record of implementing Biosecurity measures to protect Hawaii's ecosystem. It has been a pioneer in quarantine laws, dating back to 1888, when King Kalakaua signed an act to prohibit the introduction of coffee trees and shrubs. While addressing natural resources (prohibition of foxes and land crabs), its mission emphasized agriculture to encourage diversified crops for commercial production instead of simple subsistence. As we embark on this new chapter, the intent of **biosecurity in relation to agriculture must not be marginalized.**

In 2005, the Biosecurity Chapter was added into Hawaii State Law (HRS 150A Part VI), updating the Hawaii Quarantine Law, with objectives to (150A-52)

- (1) Establish a multi-dimensional system to prevent the entry into the State and interisland movement of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms without a permit;
- and

(2) Respond effectively to eradicate, control, reduce, and suppress incipient pest populations and established pests and seize and dispose of prohibited or restricted organisms without a permit. [L 2008, c 236, pt of §2]

HRS 150 included funding mechanisms (supported by HFB despite a policy of no new taxes). After its' inception, the number of inspectors increased and interceptions of pests not known to occur in the islands increased. Each year, legislators were informed of activities during the prior year and implementation plans for the new year presented after discussion with Counties and stakeholders. The comprehensive action plan went beyond agriculture including areas such as predator control to protect native plants and animals. See reference: (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hpicesu/techr/180/07.pdf>).

This measure proposes regulatory changes. We recommend a review of existing regulations, and funding implementation vs. creation of new regulations and duplicating efforts articulated in current law.

During fiscally challenging times, collaborative efforts will facilitate implementation actions. The measure references hiring of additional staff, rather than looking at USDA, Bishop Museum, UH, HARC as well as private organizations that have similar goals to maximize Hawaii's Biosecurity potential. Commitments to collaborative efforts with existing organizations should be required in statute.

Legislative history, in HRS 150A statute contains the following reference:

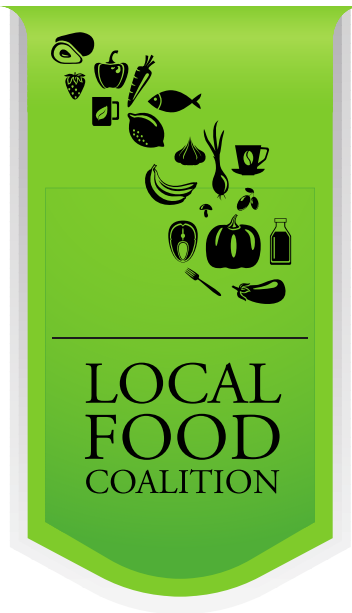
"SECTION 13. (a) Between July 1, 2010, and September 30, 2010, the department of agriculture shall adopt new or amend existing rules to impose or increase the fees authorized to be charged under chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, without regard to the public notice and public hearing requirements of section 91-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the small business impact review requirements of chapter 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or the limit on fee increases under section 92-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes. **The department shall set the fees at amounts intended to generate, together with the inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee, sufficient revenues to pay the operation and maintenance costs of implementing the agriculture inspection and biosecurity programs of chapter 150A,** Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the central services and departmental administrative expense assessments of section 36-27 and section 36-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As stated, the fees collected should carry out the functions stated in Section 7 of this measure (\$500K for operating expenses and \$10M each year for two years). A review of the fee schedule should be examined as a funding mechanism. Imports with high probability of control measures or have a history of unknown insects entering Hawaii's environment should warrant higher fees. These funds could be used to conduct the research needed for import replacement options. This fund was created to reduce dependence on the General Fund. This measure as drafted depends on the General Fund without addressing how the funds collected will used.

Hawaii Farm Bureau is a strong supporter of Biosecurity. Our farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of the battle while trying to increase Hawaii's goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability. The challenges of incipient pests is serious and is threatening sections of the industry. We respectfully request that the needs of production agriculture and its' role in protecting Hawaii from invasive species not be marginalized. Those responsible for protecting Hawaii from invasive species need to

understand the nexus between agriculture and biosecurity. HRS 150A Part VI as written appears to achieve this goal. Careful consideration to improving current statute should be the goal.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
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**RE: HB 1339 HD1 - Relating to Invasive Species Program
Administration – In Support**

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the
Committee:

The Local Food Coalition supports HB 1339 HD1, which
restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii
Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the
Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and related duties.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers,
ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations
working to provide Hawai'i's food supply.

Invasive species threaten agricultural production. In addition, they
threaten the natural environment, the health of Hawaii's residents
and the State's economy. The State needs enhanced coordination of
its invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response,
control, enforcement, and outreach programs. We support HB 1339
HD1 as it will provide the leadership, staffing and funding to help
mitigate current and future threats and impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We ask for your
favorable consideration of this measure.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 1339 HD1 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Monday, March 13, 2017, 1:15PM, Room 224

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1339 HD1 to restructure the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture.

The Legislative Reference Bureau recently released its update to the 2002 report *Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species*. The 2015 update, *Can't See the Forest for the (Albizia) Trees: An Invasive Species Update*, can be found at: <http://lrbhawaii.org/reports/legrpts/lrb/2015/invasive.pdf>. One of the LRB's recommendations in this new report is that the Legislature consider amending the structure of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) to provide clearer authority to direct interagency coordination and provide resources and support for priority actions necessary in the fight against invasive species. While the HISC has had many successes, we agree that raising the status of the HISC to become the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority, including an increased base budget for consistent staffing and programs, would be an important step forward in further addressing Hawai'i's invasive species challenges.

We also note that the LRB's report repeatedly states that a major gap in the fight against invasive species has been insufficient funding for invasive species work on the ground and for the operations and staffing of the HISC. Amongst the LRB's recommendations are a statewide biosecurity plan and for stable—even dedicated—funding to address invasive species threats. We agree and are pleased that the Department of Agriculture recently completed a comprehensive [Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan](#) with the support of its many government and non-government partners and that the plan addresses the full range of invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, research, and outreach priorities across the state.

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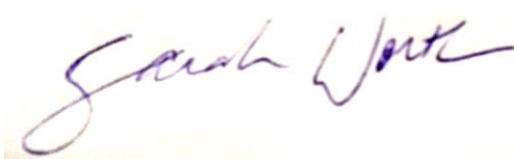
Submitted on Behalf of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports the intent of HB 1339 HD1 "Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration" in regard to restructuring the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and appropriating funds.

Addressing invasive species which have a devastating impact on our agriculture, wildlife, and quality of life is one of the legislative priorities of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



/s/ Sarah Worth (sarahkworth@yahoo.com)

Member of the Natural Resource Management Sub-Committee

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii hopes that you will join us in securing an environmentally sustainable future for Hawai'i and its Ohana.

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:15 pm
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Support for HB 1339 HD 1 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 1339 HD 1, which restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and related duties. Appropriate funds.

Invasive species and climate change are the most serious threat to our environment, quality of life, and economy. The proposed restructuring will help save wildlife and wild places, help protect agriculture, and support our economy.

Experts recommend a minimum investment of \$50 million a year to, essentially, implement the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. Implementing the Interagency Biosecurity Plan will help save wildlife and wild places, protect agriculture, and support our economy.

It is long past the time to get serious about keeping our island home safe from invasive species. Please pass HB 1339 HD 1.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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leslie farnel	for forgotten felines	Oppose	No

Comments: Recommend passing if cats, dogs and other managed and pet species are redacted from the bill.

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Testimony of Ku`uhaku Park

On behalf of Matson

In regards to HD1339 – RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

On March 13, 2017

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Committee Members,

In the matter of HD1339, RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, Matson has no position, but offers the following amendment should this committee see fit to advancing this proposed legislation.

In both the preamble (page 2, line 13) and as well as in the proposed HRS language (page 5, line 3), engagement with the private sector is mentioned.

As such, we would like to suggest that language be added to reflect the addition of representatives of both the Hawaii Harbors Users Group as well as the Airlines Committee of Hawaii as Authority members.

Specifically, we suggest increasing the Authority to eleven members, from nine (page 8, line 12). And further, inserting a new section (b) (8) (page 10, line 4) to reflect the specific addition of a representative from each of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group and the Airlines Committee of Hawaii, as these two industries represent the only means of transportation into the State.

Thank you for the consideration of our testimony.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Hussey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I understand about Invasive Species and the importance what this bill is trying to provide. Having said that, there is no way that anyone and I truly mean anyone should have the authority to come onto personal property, ever. If invited, that would be something else, but the invasion of one's home and property is absolutely wrong. Smacks of totalitarianism. Therefore, I respectfully vote NO on Bill 1399. It is just wrong. Mahalo nui loa.

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Susan L.K. Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

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ellen jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill which gives too wide a definition of invasive species and too much latitude in the outcome.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary James	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is incredibly broad with no limits provided. The definition of invasive species is way too broad and offers no insight for the public to understand how it will be used. The purpose section does not even mention any birds or mammals, most of which would be at risk. The bill's provisions, if it passes as drafted, could be used in many ways including ways that will impact people's pets. This is not obvious and the public will be unaware of its effects until it's too late. Please ensure that the public is made aware of any steps taken by such an authority before their ideas become permanent or acted upon in any way- providing enough time for public input - especially the extremely broad provision for entering private property. If people were aware of what this bill could mean, there would be many more testimonies with concerns provided. The way it is drafted, it appears to be benign and only address what everyone would consider reasonable actions. However, it is so broad that the public will be taken out of most of the decisions.

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sharing lawrence	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: DO NOT PASS THIS BILL. IT IS A VIOLATION OF CITIZEN'S PRIVATE LIVES AS WELL AS ANIMAL AND BIRD SPECIES. YOU CANNOT KILL OFF ONE SPECIES TO SAVE ANOTHER....THIS DOES NOT WORK. AS ALWAYS, THIS IS A PEOPLE PROBLEM...PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE TO MANAGE THEIR ANIMALS AND WHO ABANDONED THEM. NO ON THIS BILL.

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