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Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
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Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Comments in Support of HB 1339, HD1 Relating to Invasive Species Program Administration (Restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and related duties. Appropriation)

AEN Hrg: Monday, March 13, 2017, at 1:15 p.m., in Conference Room 224

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of HB 1339, HD1.**

HB 1339, HD1. The purpose of this measure is to restructure the Hawaii Invasive Species Council into a new entity, the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority (HISA), attached administratively to the Department of Agriculture(DOA), which could coordinate the implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. The establishment of HISA will expand upon the existing council model by adding additional expertise to the interagency board of directors, authorizing the board to hire staff as necessary, and mandating new duties relating to the coordination of interagency invasive species and biosecurity efforts.

LURF's Position. This bill will attach the HISA to DOA, which 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, and 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

For the above reasons, LURF **supports SB 1399, HD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this important measure.

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