
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that invasive species can
2 wreak havoc on Hawaii's fragile ecosystem, environment, and
3 agricultural lands. The legislature further finds that
4 intrastate commerce and the transportation of plants has
5 resulted in a significant and growing problem in the county of
6 Maui with:
- 7 (1) *Eleutherodactylus coqui*, commonly known as "coqui
8 frogs";
- 9 (2) *Wasmannia auropunctata*, commonly known as "little fire
10 ants";
- 11 (3) *Hypothenemus hampei*, commonly known as "coffee borer
12 beetles" or "coffee berry borers";
- 13 (4) *Dynastinae*, commonly known as "rhinoceros beetles";
- 14 (5) *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*, commonly known as "rat
15 lungworm disease"; and
- 16 (6) Chital, commonly known as "axis deer."



1 The legislature further finds that although the axis deer
2 population may be referred to as an invasive species, it also
3 significantly contributes to the subsistence hunting life style
4 and cultural practices of the residents of Maui. Accordingly,
5 available resources should be focused on the management of the
6 axis deer population to mitigate its negative environmental
7 impacts, rather than its complete extermination.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
9 substantially reduce and eradicate the problem of invasive
10 species in the county of Maui; provided that the population of
11 axis deer shall be managed, rather than eradicated.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2020-2021 for activities relating to the management of the axis
17 deer population and substantial reduction and eradication of
18 other invasive species in the county of Maui pursuant to this
19 Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2150.



Report Title:

DLNR; Invasive Species; Maui County; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the management of the axis deer population and substantial reduction and eradication of other invasive species in Maui County. (HB265 HD1)

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