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# 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 responding quickly  
2 to newly detected invasive species can often prevent the species  
3 from becoming firmly established, saving taxpayers money in the  
4 long term. State agencies currently lack the resources and  
5 response mechanisms to deal with these newly identified threats  
6 and may be missing opportunities to eliminate them. This can  
7 allow invasive species to become established in the State,  
8 making mitigation efforts more protracted and expensive.

9           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to create a paid  
10 response mechanism for invasive species so that newly detected  
11 threats may be immediately addressed.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15           "§194-           Invasive species rapid response special fund.

16           (a) There is established the invasive species rapid response  
17 special fund, into which shall be deposited appropriations by



1 the legislature for the purposes of mitigating or eradicating  
2 newly detected invasive species threats in the State. All  
3 interest earned or accrued on money deposited into the fund  
4 shall become part of the fund. The council shall administer the  
5 special fund and may expend money from the special fund in  
6 accordance with this section.

7 (b) If the council determines that one or more newly  
8 detected invasive species pose a substantial threat to the  
9 agriculture, commerce, economy, environment, or public health of  
10 the State or otherwise warrant immediate action, the council  
11 shall submit a request to the governor to declare that there  
12 exists an invasive species emergency.

13 (c) Upon declaration by the governor pursuant to  
14 subsection (b) that there exists an invasive species emergency,  
15 the council may act in response to the emergency and may make  
16 expenditures from the fund without legislative approval and  
17 without regard to chapters 36, 37, 89, and 103D.

18 (d) The council shall make an account of money expended  
19 from the fund and include that information in its annual report  
20 to the legislature."



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1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
 4 deposit into the invasive species rapid response special fund.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 6 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Establishes the invasive species rapid response special fund. Establishes procedures for emergency declarations and expenditures. Appropriates money.

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