
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 gorse (*Ulex*
2 *europaeus*), which is native to western Europe and was introduced
3 to Hawaii as a food plant for sheep and as a "living fence", has
4 become an invasive species due to its aggressive seed dispersal.
5 Gorse has proven very difficult to eradicate and detrimental in
6 native habitats; thus far, it is known to exist on the islands
7 of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai.

8 The legislature further finds that the Aina Mauna legacy
9 program, unanimously approved by the Hawaiian homes commission,
10 is the department of Hawaiian home lands' guiding framework for
11 well-coordinated management for long-term protection and
12 perpetuation of the Aina Mauna ecosystem in the Humuulu-Piihonua
13 area located on the northeast slopes of Mauna Kea. Its mission
14 is to protect approximately fifty-six thousand acres of native
15 Hawaiian forest that is ecologically, culturally, and
16 economically self-sustaining for the Hawaiian home lands trust,
17 its beneficiaries, and the community.



1 The legislature further finds that a significant need
2 exists for greater economic opportunities for native Hawaiians,
3 some of which could be provided through the collection and
4 product development of gorse from Mauna Kea.

5 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot
6 program within the Aina Mauna legacy program of the department
7 of Hawaiian home lands to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna
8 Kea and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic
9 opportunities for native Hawaiians.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a pilot program
11 within the Aina Mauna legacy program of the department of
12 Hawaiian home lands to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna Kea
13 and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic
14 opportunities for native Hawaiians.

15 (b) No later than twenty days prior to the regular
16 sessions of 2022, 2023, and 2024, the department of Hawaiian
17 home lands shall submit to the legislature a report regarding
18 the pilot program.

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the



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1 establishment of a pilot program within the Aina Mauna legacy
 2 program of the department of Hawaiian home lands to remove and
 3 harvest gorse from Mauna Kea and develop it as a marketable
 4 product to expand economic opportunities for native Hawaiians.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 6 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020, and
 8 shall be repealed on June 30, 2024.

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Report Title:

Gorse; Mauna Kea; Removal, Harvesting, and Product Development;
Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a pilot program within the Aina Mauna legacy program of DHHL to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna Kea and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic opportunities for native Hawaiians. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriates funds.

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