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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the invasion of  
2 insects, snakes, weeds, disease-bearing organisms, and other  
3 pests is the single greatest threat to the State's economy,  
4 environment, and health. The legislature further finds that  
5 action is needed to address the threat of invasive species and  
6 mitigate their impact on Hawaii's ecosystems.

7           The legislature recognizes the Hawaii interagency  
8 biosecurity plan as the primary guiding document for improving  
9 the prevention, detection, and control of invasive species over  
10 the ten-year scope of the plan.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to protect the  
12 State's resources, agriculture, and health and to execute the  
13 Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan by appropriating funds to  
14 mitigate or eradicate newly detected invasive species threats in  
15 the State.



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

4 "§194- Invasive species rapid response trust fund. (a)

5 There is established within the state treasury the invasive  
6 species rapid response trust fund, into which shall be deposited  
7 appropriations by the legislature for the purposes of mitigating  
8 or eradicating newly detected invasive species threats in the  
9 State. All interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited into  
10 the fund shall become part of the fund. The council shall  
11 administer the trust fund and may expend moneys from the trust  
12 fund in accordance with this section.

13 (b) If the council determines that one or more newly  
14 detected invasive species poses a substantial threat to the  
15 agriculture, commerce, economy, environment, or public health of  
16 the State, or otherwise warrants immediate action, the council  
17 shall submit a request to the governor to declare that there  
18 exists an invasive species emergency. Upon declaration by the  
19 governor that there exists an invasive species emergency, the  
20 council may take action in response to the emergency and expend



1 moneys from the trust found without legislative approval and  
2 notwithstanding chapters 36, 37, and 89.

3 (c) The council shall make an accounting of moneys  
4 expended from the fund and shall include that information in its  
5 annual report to the legislature."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
9 deposit into the invasive species rapid response trust fund  
10 established pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the invasive  
12 species rapid response trust fund the sum of \$1,000,000 or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
14 the purposes of the fund.

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

17 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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# S.B. NO. 2713

**Report Title:**

DLNR; Invasive Species Rapid Response Trust; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Invasive Species Rapid Response Trust Fund for rapid responses to invasive species emergencies. Requires the Invasive Species Council to include an accounting of moneys expended in its annual report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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