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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CREATE A PLAN TO DEVELOP AN INVASIVE PESTS PLACARD PROGRAM AND ASSESS THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, invasive pests are animals, insects, diseases  
2 agents, or other organisms in a stage of development that is  
3 detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, horticulture,  
4 animal or public health, or natural resources including native  
5 biota or that has an adverse effect on the environment, as  
6 determined by the Board of Agriculture; and  
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8           WHEREAS, invasive pests have spread rapidly across Oahu due  
9 to nurseries, farms, and other agriculture-related businesses  
10 selling plants containing invasive pests to members of the  
11 public; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the spread of invasive pests can and has been  
14 traced back to members of the public unknowingly buying plants  
15 containing invasive pests and transporting the plants to various  
16 locations around Oahu; and  
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18           WHEREAS, this body finds that members of the public would  
19 be less likely to purchase plants containing invasive pests if  
20 nurseries, farms, and other agriculture-related businesses were  
21 required to show a placard stating their invasive pest status  
22 within the classification system developed by the Department of  
23 Agriculture; and  
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25           WHEREAS, this invasive pest classification system should  
26 explicitly clarify the severity of invasive pest infestation and  
27 the type of invasive pests that have been reported by the  
28 Department of Agriculture to be present on the nursery, farm, or  
29 agriculture-related business; now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



# H.R. NO. 14

1 Session of 2024, that the Department of Agriculture is requested  
2 to create a plan to develop an Invasive Species Placard Program  
3 and assess the resources needed to implement the program; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
6 is requested to submit the plan, the assessment of the resources  
7 needed to implement the program, and its recommendations,  
8 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
10 of 2025; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
14 Agriculture.  
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OFFERED BY:



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