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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2024  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: CPN

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A G E N D A

On February 2, 2024, plants infested with little fire ants (LFA) were donated to the Punahou Carnival. It has since been confirmed by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) that one of the five "bad actor" nurseries disclosed in the joint Informational Briefing on November 22, 2023 was responsible for donating LFA infested plants to the Punahou Carnival. Additionally, one nursery at the Punahou Carnival event also refused to work with HDOA on treatment of donated infested plants.

The purpose of this briefing is for the HDOA to explain to the committees and the public all action taken to hold businesses or individuals accountable for propagating the spread of dangerous invasive pests, such as LFA, in the State. HDOA will also clarify why it has still not enacted rules necessary to ensure accountability and empower action to prevent the distribution of infested products to consumers across the state.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Chair

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