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Rapid 'Ōhi'a Wilt/ Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death ('ROD')

The rapid death of the 'ōhi'a forest is spreading from Puna and threatening our entire state.

What can you do?

- **Don't move wood, soil, 'ōhi'a trees, or plant parts from any forested area, especially from the RED areas in the map.**
- **Use alcohol or bleach to clean boots, chain saws, cars and other tools and heavy equipment used in any forested area containing the fungus.**

There is a quarantine on the Big Island now that prevents transportation of 'Ōhi'a and its parts. A violation is punishable of a fine up to \$10,000.00.

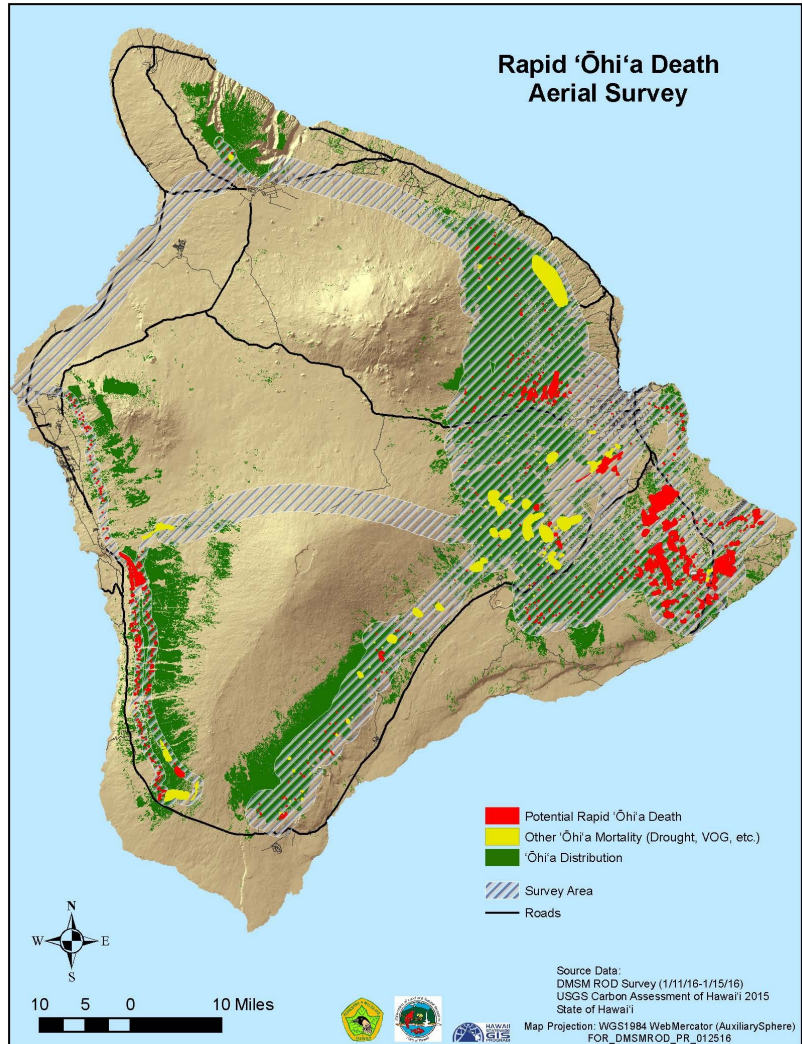
What's happening this session?

HB2675: money for research as there is no known cure nor finding as to what is causing the deadly fungus or its spread.

For more information:

http://www2.ctahr.hawaii.edu/forestry/disease/ohia_wilt.html

<http://www2.ctahr.hawaii.edu/forestry/downloads/ROD-trifold-03.2016.pdf>



REMINDER: REFUNDABLE FOOD/GE TAX CREDIT

For 2015 tax returns due April 2016, there is an increase in the Refundable Food/GE Tax Credit. To get your refund you must file your 2015 Hawaii State tax returns. Because this is a refundable tax credit, you do not need to owe taxes to get a refund but you must file.

UPDATE on Highway 130

- Roundabout projected completion July 2016 **BUT** start of traffic being allowed through should begin by May 2016
- Shower Drive intersection traffic light construction begins 2016
- Fixing Southside of shoulder conversion between Shower and Kea'au will be completed in 2017
- Highway 130 4-lane expansion project construction begins 2019 with design starting this year

You are invited to an evening of discussion with....

Representative

Joy San Buenaventura

Pahoa Community Center

Thursday, June 9, 2016

5:00PM-7:00PM

For more information call (808) 586-6530 or if calling from a landline dial 974-4000 then extension 66530#, after the recording.



CONGRATULATIONS to Judith Houle of HPP, Springer Kaye of BIISC, Kaye Howe and Dr. Sue Jarvi of the UH School of Pharmacy for being honored in the Governor's office for their work in combatting invasive species. Judy won Hawaii Island's MVP award for her volunteer community work in controlling albizia and little fire ants in HPP; Springer Kaye for her tireless work at BIISC; Kaye Howe and Dr. Sue Jarvi for their work on rat lungworm disease. They are joined with a giant "little fire ant"; Rep. Clift Tsuji and Rep. Richard Onishi, chair and vice-chair of Ag committee. Not present but also honored was Dr. Flint Hughes of Hilo for his research on rapid ohia death. We all know him for his pilot project of completely eradicating albizia from the Black Sands subdivision before Iselle hit.



Upcoming hands-on trainings, workdays, and workshops

Saturday, April 9, 2016 9am-12pm at Kalapana Seaview Estates Community Park

Saturday, April 16, 9am-10am presentation and demo at HPP Community Center

Wednesday, April 20, 9am -12pm – Nanawale VFW post – volunteer for our vets

Please wear/bring: long pants, long sleeved shirts, sturdy, closed-toe shoes and water. The little fire ants may be in the area so it is recommended that you also bring a hat and towel or cloth to protect your neck and collar line. Hatchets, hardhats, and gloves will be provided, although if you have your own it would be useful for them to bring on this day. Please email your attendance so that they can make sure to have enough equipment: biisc@hawaii.edu

You can also visit their website at <http://www.biisc.org/> for more information.

RAT LUNGWORM: Pest Management workshop featuring:

Kay Howe at UH Hilo on May 7 from 10 AM-Noon.

The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place again on **Saturday, April 9** which will feature local artists, live music, and lots of fun. The event will take place from **5 PM–10 PM** at the Main Government Road in Pahoa. For more information, please contact secondsaturday@loveternal.org or call (808) 315-8984



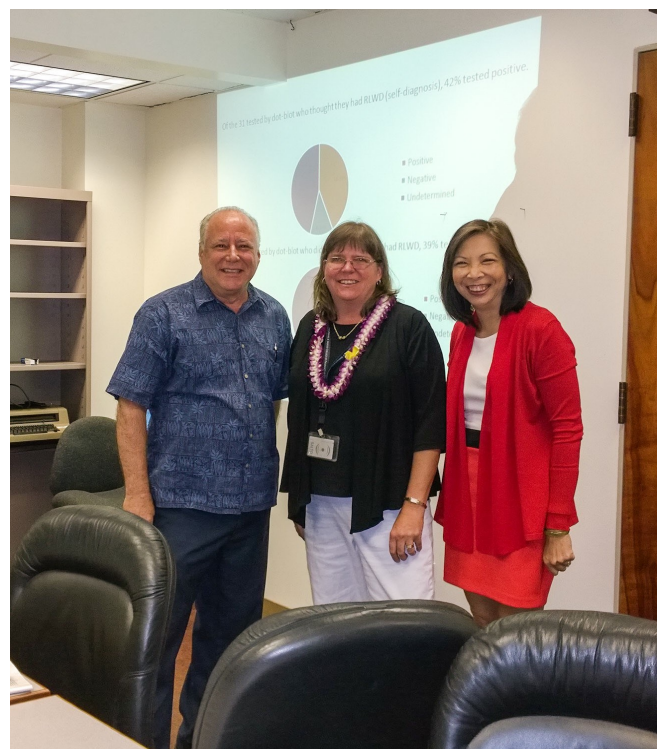
Congratulations Jordan Alexandra “Alex” Brooks Mathew on being named a state finalist for the Boys and Girls Club’s state youth of the year award and receiving the 2016 Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island Youth of the Year Award! Here with Reps. Tsuji and Creagan



Former Intern Chris Acosta honored on the House Floor as a part of Honolulu Shriners Hospital for Children and the Aloha Shriners



Participated in the Hawaii State Bar Association 2016 Legislative Update Panel along with Senator Espero and Representative McKelvey



Senator Ruderman and I with Rat Lung Worm Specialist Sue Jarvi

Are you or someone you know dealing with Alzheimer's? Are you or someone you know looking for a support group? If so, the Alzheimer's Association has the following support groups:



Support Group for Caregivers

Second Tuesday, 10am, Church of the Holy Cross
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo

Second Wednesday, 5pm, ADRC (Aging and Disability
Resource Center), 1055 Kino'ole Street, Hilo

Third Thursday, 9am, Hawaii Island Adult Care
(Free Respite during group), 34 Rainbow Drive, Hilo

Support Group for Forgetful Individuals

Second Wednesday, 5pm, ADRC (Aging and Disability
Resource Center), 1055 Kino'ole Street, Hilo

Supported in part by the Remembering Doc Buyers Fund

Questions contact: Chris Ridley 443-7360



A free legal clinic will be held at the KTA Superstore on Puainako St.

hosted by the Young Lawyers Division of HSBA on

Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 10 am– 2 pm.

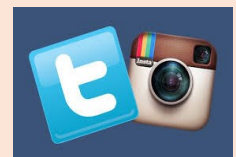
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