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Committee on Agriculture and Food Systems
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Testimony in Support of HCR 24/HR 14

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair Kahaloe, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) is **in support of HCR 24/HR14**, 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.

We support the intent of the Resolutions and believe a placarding program, similar to the Department of Health's restaurant placarding program, could be an important tool to prevent the spread of invasive pests. As set out in the Resolutions, we agree that the public should have information about the likelihood that plants and other items they purchase may be infested with pests. We note that nursery stock and landscaping products pose a particularly high risk to consumers. These items are likely to be planted in the ground or used outside where a pest could establish and create a new infestation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to support HCR 24/HR 14 and for consideration of our testimony.

Aloha,

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