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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of agriculture a -year invasive species grant pilot program.

3 (b) The pilot program shall provide grants to qualified  
4 applicants to assist the applicant in the removal of invasive  
5 species from the applicant's property under the following terms,  
6 conditions, and standards:

7 (1) The total amount of a grant to any one applicant shall  
8 not exceed \$ ;

9 (2) No grant shall be awarded for costs that were incurred  
10 prior to application and receipt of a grant by the  
11 applicant;

12 (3) All grant moneys shall be used exclusively for the  
13 purposes of eradicating invasive species on property  
14 in the State that is owned by the applicant;

15 (4) The applicant shall comply with all applicable federal  
16 and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any  
17 person on the basis of race, color, national origin,



1 religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation,  
2 disability, or any other applicable federal or state  
3 laws;

4 (5) The grant shall not be used for the purposes of  
5 entertainment or perquisites;

6 (6) All activities undertaken with grant funds received  
7 shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and  
8 county statutes and ordinances;

9 (7) The grantee shall:

10 (A) Indemnify and hold harmless the State of Hawaii  
11 and its officers, agents, and employees from any  
12 against any and all claims arising out of or  
13 resulting from activities carried out or projects  
14 undertaken with funds received from the pilot  
15 program; and

16 (B) Obtain sufficient insurance to provide  
17 indemnification under subparagraph (A), if  
18 requested to do so by the department of  
19 agriculture; and

20 (8) The grantee shall agree to make available to the  
21 department of agriculture all records the grantee may



1           have relating to the grant to monitor the grantee's  
2           compliance with the requirements of the pilot program.

3           (c) The department of agriculture shall adopt rules in  
4 accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry  
5 out the purposes of this Act, including rules on the standards,  
6 policies, and procedures for the administration of the invasive  
7 species grant pilot program.

8           (d) For the purposes of this Act:

9           " Invasive species " has the same meaning as in section  
10 520A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

11           " Qualified applicant " means any person, business, or  
12 organization that owns property in the State.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
16 provide grants under the invasive species grant pilot program  
17 established by this Act.

18           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

20           SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
21 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,



# H.B. NO. 2193

1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
 2 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
 3 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
 4 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
 5 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
 6 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
 7 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
 8 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
 9 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
 10 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
 11 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
 12 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 13 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
- 14 serve the public interest; and
- 15 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
- 16 addressed by this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

JAN 19 2024



# H.B. NO. 2133

**Report Title:**

Invasive Species Grant Pilot Program; DOA; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes an invasive species grant pilot program to provide grants through DOA to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in Hawaii that is owned by the individual, business, or organization.

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