
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 4 Agriculture is requested to create a plan to develop an Invasive
 5 Species Placard Program and assess the resources needed to
 6 implement the program; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
 9 is requested to submit the plan, the assessment of the resources
 10 needed to implement the program, and its recommendations,
 11 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 13 of 2025; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 17 Board of Agriculture.
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OFFERED BY:



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