

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 41  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY PLAN FOR THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF ALBIZIA THROUGHOUT THE STATE; STARTING WITH THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, AND TO PARTNER TO UTILIZE ALBIZIA TREES THAT ARE REMOVED AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INVESTIGATE BIOCONTROL AGENTS FOR THE CONTROL OF ALBIZIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the rapid spread of Albizia trees in the State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Urges the Invasive Species Council to:
  - (A) Develop and implement a comprehensive interagency plan for the control and eradication of Albizia throughout the State, starting with the island of Hawaii; and
  - (B) Find partners to utilize the Albizia trees that are removed; and
- (2) Urges the Department of Agriculture to investigate biocontrol agents for the control of Albizia.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Electric Light Company.

Your Committee finds that the Albizia tree is native to the South Pacific and was introduced to Hawaii in 1917. Albizia is a fast growing tree with shallow roots, brittle wood, and a weak structure. Your Committee also finds that, due to its rapid growth rate and soil-altering roots and foliage, Albizia poses a threat to lowland native forests. Falling Albizia trees and branches pose a safety hazard to homeowners and motorists. Albizia trees have also damaged overhead and underground utilities. Your Committee further finds that Albizia has proliferated on the island of Hawaii to the point where it has become a significant problem.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 41, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 41, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/5/13</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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