
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the interisland
3 spread of invasive species is harmful to agriculture, native
4 biota, public health, and the economic well-being of the State.
5 Further, the legislature finds that these pests continue to move
6 to new areas within the State through varied transportation
7 methods and on various agricultural and non-agricultural
8 commodities, which may or may not be subject to inspection for
9 pests or subject to treatment.

10 To more effectively mitigate the spread of invasive
11 species, the Hawaii invasive species council and the biosecurity
12 program of the department of agriculture should use their
13 strengths and resources more efficiently. The Hawaii invasive
14 species council should direct the invasive species committees to
15 focus their resources on reducing invasive species in non-
16 agricultural areas, specifically conservation lands and
17 residential areas. The department of agriculture should focus



1 its resources on reducing invasive species in agricultural
2 production areas and performing inspections, certifications, and
3 treatments, if required.

4 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture shall work
5 through existing contracts and appropriated funds for invasive
6 species activities to undertake invasive species management
7 related to agricultural lands and agricultural and non-
8 agricultural commodities as follows:

9 (1) The department of agriculture shall use funds from the
10 pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to:

11 (A) Develop an interisland and export database that
12 allows for the trace-back and trace-forward of
13 agricultural commodities, type and varieties
14 inspected by the department of agriculture,
15 quantity of commodities, and other pertinent
16 information. All information shall be kept
17 confidential to the plant quarantine branch;

18 (B) Provide a risk level assessment for the various
19 non-agricultural commodities being transported
20 interisland for specific pests based on collected
21 data and scientific analysis to determine risk;



- 1 (C) Increase the priority of inspection of
- 2 agricultural commodities transported between
- 3 islands, without impacting or jeopardizing the
- 4 inspection of imported agricultural commodities
- 5 from out-of-state;
- 6 (D) Develop quarantine treatments for high-risk
- 7 commodities moving between islands; and
- 8 (E) Coordinate planning with the department of
- 9 transportation for inspection and quarantine
- 10 treatment capabilities at or adjacent to ports of
- 11 entry; and
- 12 (2) The department of agriculture shall use funds from the
- 13 agricultural development and food security special
- 14 fund to:
- 15 (A) Implement pest management programs statewide in
- 16 potted plant production, cut-flower and cut-
- 17 foliage production, fruit and nut crops, and
- 18 vegetable and herb crops; and
- 19 (B) Provide chemicals and equipment to assist growers
- 20 in reducing infestation in agricultural areas,
- 21 statewide.



1 SECTION 3. The Hawaii invasive species council shall work
2 through existing contracts and use appropriated funds for
3 invasive species activities to undertake invasive species
4 management on non-agricultural lands to:

5 (1) Reduce infestation levels of invasive species on
6 conservation lands near or adjacent to Hilo harbor,
7 Hilo International Airport, and agricultural
8 production areas in the county of Hawaii; and

9 (2) Create buffer areas between conservation lands and
10 agricultural production areas in the county of Hawaii
11 to prevent re-infestation of invasive species onto
12 agricultural lands after pest management programs are
13 established in agricultural production areas.

14 SECTION 4. The department of agriculture shall submit an
15 annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
16 to the convening of the regular session of 2016 and every
17 regular session thereafter. In addition to any forms, reports,
18 and other submittals from the department of accounting and
19 general services that relate to the subject matter of this Act,
20 the report by the department of agriculture shall include, but
21 not be limited to:



- 1 (1) The status of each activity required by this Act
- 2 including for each activity:
- 3 (A) All expenditures;
- 4 (B) Descriptions of and the purposes of any activity-
- 5 related travel;
- 6 (C) Workforce allocation; and
- 7 (D) Measure of effectiveness;
- 8 (2) Number of acres in pest management in total and by
- 9 crop;
- 10 (3) Summary of interisland inspections and export
- 11 inspection activities;
- 12 (4) Projections by year of future expenditures and future
- 13 acreage to be under pest management by crop; and
- 14 (5) Activities yet to be completed, and, if applicable, an
- 15 explanation why they were not completed.

16 SECTION 5. The Hawaii invasive species council shall
17 submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty
18 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 and
19 every regular session thereafter. In addition to any forms,
20 reports, and other submittals from the department of accounting
21 and general services that relate to the subject matter of this



1 Act, the report by the Hawaii invasive species council shall
2 include, but not be limited to:

3 (1) The status, workforce allocation, salary expenditures,
4 and other costs related to performing the activities
5 required by this Act;

6 (2) The area, in miles, of established buffer zones;

7 (3) The effectiveness of reducing or eliminating pests
8 around Hilo harbor and Hilo International Airport;

9 (4) The number of acres adjacent to agricultural
10 production areas that have been treated and included
11 in mitigation activities, including the degree of
12 treatment and mitigation; and

13 (5) Projections by year of future areas to be treated and
14 miles of buffer zones to be added.

15 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the pest
16 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund the sum of
17 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2015-2016 for the purposes set forth in section 2(1) of this
19 Act.

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



1 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the agricultural
2 development and food security special fund the sum of \$
3 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016
4 for the purposes set forth in section 2(2) of this Act.

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

7 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the
10 purposes set forth in section 3 of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
12 invasive species council for the purposes of this Act.

13 PART II

14 SECTION 9. The department of agriculture shall develop and
15 implement a pilot pesticide treatment coupon project within its
16 current little fire ant program. The pilot project shall
17 distribute coupons redeemable for appropriate pesticide at
18 suppliers or vendors within the county of Hawaii at no cost to
19 individuals who have reported and verified to the department the
20 presence of little fire ants on their property within the county



1 of Hawaii. Each coupon shall be valid for a one-year supply of
2 the department's recommended treatment plan.

3 SECTION 10. The department of agriculture shall create a
4 map that indicates all little fire ant sites in the county of
5 Hawaii by using all its available data, including verified
6 reports of little fire ant sites. The maps shall be updated
7 periodically and made available on the department's website.

8 SECTION 11. The department of agriculture shall submit a
9 report on its progress in implementing the mandates in sections
10 9 and 10 of this Act to the legislature no later than twenty
11 days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2016 and
12 2017. The report shall include findings and recommendations,
13 any necessary proposed legislation, and whether the pilot
14 project in section 9 and little fire ant site map in section 10
15 of this Act should be continued, terminated, or modified.

16 SECTION 12. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2016-2017 for the little fire ant pilot project in section 9 and
21 the little fire ant site map in section 10 of this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 PART III

4 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Invasive Species; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Invasive Species Council; Appropriation; Little Fire Ant; Pesticide Treatment Coupon Pilot Project; Little Fire Ant Site Map

Description:

Mandates the Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to perform specified tasks to address the interisland spread of invasive species. Mandates the Department of Agriculture to establish a little fire ant Pesticide Treatment Coupon Pilot Project and site map. Requires annual reports. Appropriations. (SB1059 HD2 PROPOSED)

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