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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL,  
AND REGULATORY CONSEQUENCES OF CROP DEGRADATION CAUSED BY  
INVASIVE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species have negative  
2 impacts on Hawaii crop and animal production, including  
3 declining yields and depressed returns from the cultivation of  
4 agricultural products; and

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6           WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species are affecting  
7 farmers statewide, and negative impacts are particularly acute  
8 where the invasive and endangered species are relatively  
9 recently introduced and traditional methods for control have not  
10 been established; and

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12           WHEREAS, invasive and endangered species directly affect  
13 the growing of crops for local consumption and directly impact  
14 Hawaii farmers' ability to supply fresh local crops to people in  
15 the State; and

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17           WHEREAS, while farmers and ranchers have experienced the  
18 negative impacts of invasive and endangered species, they don't  
19 necessarily have the training to document the economic and  
20 agricultural harm being caused by these damaging pests; and

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22           WHEREAS, identifying the impacts of invasive and endangered  
23 species on Hawaii agriculture is necessary to facilitate a  
24 unified federal, state, and county effort to address this  
25 agricultural threat; now, therefore,

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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
30 Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources are



1 requested to identify economic, environmental, and regulatory  
2 consequences of crop degradation caused by invasive and  
3 endangered species in Hawaii; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
6 and Department of Land and Natural Resources are requested to  
7 submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including  
8 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
9 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
10 2018; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
14 Board of Agriculture; Chief of the Natural Resources  
15 Conservation Service; Administrator of the Farm Service Agency;  
16 Under Secretary of the Rural Development Agency of the United  
17 States Department of Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of  
18 Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Board of  
19 Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Director  
20 of Health; Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
21 Resources and the Project Manager of the Economic Research  
22 Organization at the University of Hawaii; Directors of Planning  
23 of the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; Director of Planning  
24 and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Executive  
25 Director of Economic Development of the City and County of  
26 Honolulu; Director of Economic Development of the County of  
27 Kauai; Coordinator of Economic Development of the County of  
28 Maui; Director of Research and Development of the County of  
29 Hawaii; Co-Chairpersons of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council;  
30 and Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

