
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the unchecked spread
2 of invasive species is one of the greatest threats to Hawaii's
3 economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of
4 Hawaii's people. Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars
5 in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the
6 destruction of native forests, and the quarantine of exported
7 agricultural crops. Although Hawaii's Constitution mandates a
8 strong agricultural policy supporting sustainability and self-
9 sufficiency for the benefit of present and future generations,
10 farmers and ranchers in the State face significant loss of
11 production due to invasive pests. Reducing these losses can
12 significantly contribute to Hawaii's agricultural production and
13 farm and ranch viability.

14 The department of agriculture established a biosecurity
15 program with the objective to respond effectively to eradicate,
16 control, reduce, and suppress incipient pest populations and
17 established pests and seize and dispose of prohibited or



1 restricted organisms without a permit. The biosecurity program
2 fights invasive species via a multi-dimensional system that
3 includes:

- 4 (1) Administering pre-entry measures to minimize the risk
5 of invasive species entering the State;
- 6 (2) Conducting port-of-entry inspections to detect and
7 quarantine or destroy pests upon arrival; and
- 8 (3) Administering post-entry measures to mitigate the
9 establishment of pests in the State.

10 Farmers and ranchers need additional tools to reduce losses
11 from incipient pests. The recent discovery of the coffee berry
12 borer on Maui highlights the need for further public and
13 industry-targeted education about the risks associated with the
14 spread of invasive species. Additional education along with
15 focused technology transfer research are required to develop
16 management practices to achieve control over the spread of
17 incipient pests. If control and suppression goals are not
18 achieved, incipient pests become established and severely impact
19 agricultural production. Many pests chronically impact
20 agriculture, and targeted measures are needed to reduce the
21 impact of these established pests. Pests such as the



1 diamondback moth continue to challenge growers of the cabbage
2 family decades after its introduction to the islands.

3 The purpose of this Act is to reaffirm the legislature's
4 findings that eradicating invasive pests and accompanying
5 diseases is important to increase agricultural production in
6 Hawaii and to appropriate moneys to enhance the biosecurity
7 program to fight incipient invasive species.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2018-2019 for deposit into the pest inspection, quarantine, and
13 eradication fund established pursuant to section 150A-4.5,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the pest
16 inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund of the State of
17 Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
20 department of agriculture, after consultation with industry
21 representatives, to enhance and strengthen the biosecurity



1 program in regard to incipient invasive species management
2 programs.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 31, 2150.



Report Title:

Biosecurity Program; Invasive Species; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to DOA to enhance and strengthen the biosecurity program in regard to incipient invasive species management programs. (HB1005 HD1)

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