
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rose ringed
2 parakeets are an invasive species that threaten the environment
3 of Hawaii. The legislature further finds that colonies of rose
4 ringed parakeets have reached alarming levels on Kauai. The
5 legislature additionally finds, however, that the Hawaii
6 invasive species council explained that work on pilot project
7 solutions on Kauai have been put on hold due to a lack of
8 funding.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Establish an interagency task force to develop short-,
11 medium-, and long-term solutions to address the rose
12 ringed parakeet proliferation; and
- 13 (2) Appropriate funds to the department of land and
14 natural resources for population control and
15 eradication of rose ringed parakeets across Hawaii.

16 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a rose ringed
17 parakeet interagency task force within the department of



1 agriculture for administrative purposes to consist of the
2 following members, or their designees:

- 3 (1) The chairperson of the board of agriculture, who shall
4 serve as the chairperson of the task force;
- 5 (2) The director of business, economic development, and
6 tourism;
- 7 (3) The director of health;
- 8 (4) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
9 resources;
- 10 (5) The director of transportation; and
- 11 (6) The mayor of each county.

12 The chairperson of the task force may invite other persons,
13 including representatives of the federal government,
14 legislature, and private sector to be members of the task force.

15 (b) The task force shall serve until it has accomplished
16 the objectives of the task force in subsection (c) or twenty
17 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024,
18 whichever occurs first.

19 (c) The task force shall develop short-, medium-, and
20 long-term solutions to address the rose ringed parakeet
21 proliferation across the State. The solutions shall include:



- 1 (1) Any necessary legislative action; and
- 2 (2) Identification of avenues of research in collaboration
- 3 with international partners that have or are also
- 4 facing rose ringed parakeets as an invasive species.
- 5 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
- 6 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
- 7 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 8 the regular session of 2024.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2024-2025 for population control and eradication of rose
14 ringed parakeets across Hawaii.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
16 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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Report Title:

Rose Ringed Parakeet Interagency Task Force; Report; Invasive Species; Rose Ringed Parakeet; Appropriation

Description:

Creates an interagency task force within the department of agriculture to develop short-, medium-, and long-term solutions to address the proliferation of rose ringed parakeets. Requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature before the Regular Session of 2024. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for population control and eradication of rose ringed parakeets. Effective 6/30/3000.
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