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SB 1300

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEVELOP AN ALIEN SPECIES ACTION PLAN

Senate Committees on
Agriculture
Higher Education, Culture, Arts and Historic Preservation

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By

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Cliff Smith, Cooperative Parks Unit

SB 1300 would appropriate \$105,000 to support development of a comprehensive, multi-agency alien species action plan to prevent introduction of and control populations of non-native species of plants and animals.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Dimensions of the alien species problem have been explicitly presented in the excellent report, "Alien Pest Species in Hawaii: Background Study and Recommendations for Interagency Planning", produced by the Natural Resources Defense Council with the assistance of the Nature Conservancy. Substantive testimony on this proposed appropriation has been presented by Dr. Cliff Smith of the Cooperative Parks Unit, and we strongly endorse his comments. Primarily, what is needed is an extraordinary effort to integrate the federal, state, and county level government organizations to implement the control and prevention measures which have been articulated by the expert community for addressing this critical issue. While the Department of Urban and Regional Planning has resources which might productively be brought to bear on the problem, we suggest that the Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee should take the lead on this.