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HB 1665

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAUI INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE FY2000 ACTION PLAN

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

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9:00 A.m., Room 312, State Capitol

by

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HB1665 appropriates \$293,594 to achieve matching requirements of federal and county programs that will ultimately provide \$769,794 to implement aggressive alien species control on Maui.

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

Our earlier testimony noted that alien species are by far the most significant threat to native organisms in Hawaii today. This program on Maui is one of the most innovative in the state, and they have some very promising cooperative invasive species control projects underway, involving federal, state, and private organizations. We would be most fortunate if equally cooperative groups could form on the other islands. By way of encouraging similar efforts, the state should support this request. It's a good bargain for the state, with the federal and grant funds already available, and a state commitment here would go a long way towards establishing some badly needed momentum.