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## **HB 2533 RELATING TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**House Committee on Judiciary**

**Public Hearing - February 24, 1998  
2:00P.M., Room 325 State Capitol**

**By  
John T. Harrison, Environmental Center**

HB 2533 would amend Section 150A-14(c) to increase the penalty for importation of a prohibited plant, animal or microorganism into the State.

Our statement on this measure is compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic reviewers, and as such, does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The threat to the native ecosystem posed by alien species is universally acknowledged, scientifically documented, and insidiously daunting. The annual cost to the people of the State for management activities directed at protecting our biological resources from further encroachment and despoilment underscores the fiscal efficacy of prevention as opposed to restoration as a preferred strategy.

This measure, at no cost to the taxpayers, significantly adds to the deterrence of criminal environmental damage. We strongly support its intent.