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HB 2106  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR RESEARCH  
ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF BANANA POKA

Statement for  
House Committee on  
Water, Land Use, Development and Hawaiian Affairs  
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HB 2106 would make an appropriation for research on possible biological controls of Passiflora mollissima, the weed known as banana poka. This statement on the bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The destruction to native forests caused by the banana poka is validly recognized in HB 2106. The search for organisms to control biologically this pest should be encouraged and supported. We would note in addition, only that research should be done also on interaction between the banana poka and the feral pig.