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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE  
MOLUCCA ALBIZIA TREE.

1           WHEREAS, the molucca albizia was first introduced to Hawaii  
2 in 1917 as an ornamental tree and for the purposes of  
3 reforestation; and

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5           WHEREAS, at one time, the United States Forest Service  
6 planted 135,000 molucca albizia seeds on Kauai, Oahu, Molokai,  
7 Lanai, and Hawaii for the production of lumber; and

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9           WHEREAS, the molucca albizia tree was last studied by the  
10 Harold L. Lyon Arboretum in 1985 for the potential risks caused  
11 by the spreading and aging of molucca albizia trees; and

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13           WHEREAS, molucca albizia is one of the fastest growing  
14 species among the broad-leaf tree species and has a life span of  
15 twenty-five to thirty years; and

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17           WHEREAS, today, the molucca albizia is present statewide,  
18 as it has adapted to the semi-moist areas below 1,500 feet in  
19 elevation; and

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21           WHEREAS, the molucca albizia has a large crown and can  
22 reach more than one hundred feet in height; and

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24           WHEREAS, the molucca albizia has a soft and brittle wood,  
25 has a shallow root system in poor soil, and its large branches  
26 are often susceptible to breaking in high wind; and

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28           WHEREAS, these factors pose a significant hazard to people  
29 and property in various residential and recreational areas,  
30 including the Manoa Falls trail; and

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1 WHEREAS, there is increasing public concern about the risk  
2 to people and property presented by the spread of the molucca  
3 albizia tree in the State; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the University of  
8 Hawaii is requested to conduct a study on the molucca albizia  
9 tree, including a field inventory of these trees in at least the  
10 Ala Wai watershed area; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of its study, the  
13 University of Hawaii is requested to prepare recommendations on  
14 whether it is feasible to eradicate the molucca albizia, and if  
15 so, a method of how to eradicate this species of tree; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
18 also requested to identify the necessary components of an  
19 eradication pilot project to be performed in Manoa Valley, Oahu;  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
23 requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2008 Regular  
25 Session; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Regional Manager of  
29 the United States Forest Service, the Chair of the Board of  
30 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the President of the  
31 University of Hawaii, the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii  
32 at Manoa, the Chair of Land and Natural Resources, the Chair of  
33 the Board of Agriculture, and the Director of the Lyon  
34 Arboretum.

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