

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALBIZIA TREES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that albizia trees are an
- 2 invasive species that present a threat to life and property in
- 3 Hawaii. The speed and manner in which albizia trees grow is
- 4 harmful to native plants. The invasive species council has
- 5 identified albizia trees as a priority concern for their
- 6 potential threat to human safety and the environment. The
- 7 legislature also finds that the removal of albizia trees is an
- 8 environmental protection action as contemplated by section 128D-
- 9 2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and justifies the use of moneys in
- 10 the environmental response revolving fund for that purpose.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys from the
- 12 environmental response revolving fund for the removal of albizia
- 13 trees on public and private land.
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the environmental
- 15 response revolving fund the sum of \$ or so much
- 16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
- 17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



- 1 2016-2017 for the removal of albizia trees on public and private
- 2 land.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 4 of health for the purposes of this Act; provided that no state
- 5 moneys shall be expended under this Act for the removal of
- 6 albizia trees on private land unless matched on a dollar-for-
- 7 dollar basis by private moneys.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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H.B. NO. 1348

Report Title:

Albizia Trees; Environmental Response Revolving Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation from the environmental response revolving fund to DOH for the removal of albizia trees on public and private land.

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