

JAN 23 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOLUCCA ALBIZIA TREES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that molucca albizia
2 trees are an invasive species that present a threat to life and
3 property in Hawaii. The molucca albizia was first introduced to
4 Hawaii in 1917 as an ornamental tree and for the purposes of
5 reforestation. 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.

8 Molucca albizia is one of the fastest growing species among
9 the broad-leaf tree species and has a life span of twenty-five
10 to thirty years. It has a large crown and can reach more than
11 one hundred feet in height. The molucca albizia has a soft and
12 brittle wood, has a shallow root system in poor soil, and its
13 large branches are often susceptible to breaking in high wind.

14 These factors pose a significant hazard to people and
15 property in various residential and recreational areas,
16 including the Manoa Falls trail. The invasive species council
17 has identified molucca albizia trees as a priority concern for



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1 their potential threat to human safety and the environment.
2 There is increasing public concern about the risk to people and
3 property presented by the spread of the molucca albizia tree in
4 the State. For example, molucca albizia trees downed by
5 Tropical Storm Iselle impeded highways, damaged power lines, and
6 caused severe home damage.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to the
8 department of land and natural resources to eradicate molucca
9 albizia trees in the State.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
14 year 2016-2017 for the eradication of molucca albizia trees.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
16 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Molucca Albizia Trees; DLNR; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to DLNR to eradicate molucca albizia trees.

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