A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii

2 interagency biosecurity plan is the primary guiding document for

3 improving the prevention, detection, and control of invasive

4 species in the State. A key objective of the plan is to enhance

5 the capabilities of the department of land and natural

6 resources, division of forestry and wildlife, to detect and

7 control invasive species in the State's most valuable protected

8 areas, including forest reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, and

9 natural area reserves. The section of the plan entitled

10 "Postborder Technology, Infrastructure, and Staffing" describes

11 a goal of adding nine positions each biennium for the next five

12 biennia to meet the estimated staffing needs of the division of

13 forestry and wildlife. The positions called for in section 1.10

14 of the plan include two positions each for the islands of Kauai,

15 Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii, and one position based on the island of

16 Molokai. Section 1.8 of the report also calls for an additional

17 position based in the administrative office of the division of

1   forestry and wildlife to assist with statewide forest pathology

2   coordination. Collectively, these positions would improve the

3   State's ability to detect and control rapid ohia death and other

4   invasive species in protected sanctuaries and reserves.

5   Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to protect the

6   State's resources, agriculture, and health and to execute the

7   Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan by appropriating funds for

8   operating expenses for detecting and removing invasive species

9   in the State's protected areas and for ten full-time equivalent

10   (10.0 FTE) positions in the department of land and natural

11   resources.

12   SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

13   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $443,483 or so much

14   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for ten

15   full-time equivalent (10.0 FTE) positions within the department

16   of land and natural resources; provided that the positions shall

17   include the following:

18   (1)   Two natural area reserves specialists IV (SR-22) on

19   the island of Kauai;

20   (2)   Two forestry and wildlife technicians IV (SR-13) on

21   the island of Maui;

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1   (3)   Two forestry and wildlife technicians IV (SR-13) on

2   the island of Hawaii;

3   (4)   One forestry and wildlife worker II (BC-05) on the

4   island of Maui;

5   (5)   One forestry and wildlife worker II (BC-05) on the

6   island of Oahu;

7   (6)   One forester V (SR-24) in the administrative office of

8   the division of forestry and wildlife on the island of

9   Oahu; and

10   (7)   One forester III (SR-20) on the island of Oahu.

11   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

12   land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13   SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

14   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $172,369 or so much

15   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for

16   vehicles, fuel, or other operating expenses necessary to remove

17   invasive species from the State's protected areas, as called for

18   in the Hawaii interagency biosecurity plan.

19   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

20   land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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1   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

Report Title:
DLNR; Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan; Invasive Species
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Description:
Appropriates funds for operating expenses and for 10 full-time
equivalent (10.0 FTE) positions in the Department of Land and
Natural Resources, as called for by the Hawaii Interagency
Biosecurity Plan.

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