
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that proper management
2 and maintenance of watersheds are crucial to preventing loss of
3 life and protecting public and private property in nearby
4 communities. The legislature further finds that invasive
5 species such as albizia pose a serious threat to the State. For
6 instance, in Waiahole stream, the brittle nature of albizia has
7 led to heavy clogging of the stream, and the rapid growth of
8 albizia has crowded out native species. Furthermore, aquifers
9 cannot be replenished because the overgrowth of invasive species
10 prevents water from recharging aquifers.

11 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the
12 division of forestry and wildlife of the department of land and
13 natural resources to establish a two-year pilot program to
14 remove invasive species such as albizia in and around Waiahole
15 stream on Oahu.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The division of forestry and wildlife of
17 the department of land and natural resources shall establish a



1 two-year pilot program to remove invasive species such as
2 albizia in and around Waiahole stream on Oahu.

3 (b) The division of forestry and wildlife of the
4 department of land and natural resources shall submit a report
5 to the legislature regarding the pilot program no later than
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
7 2024.

8 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
9 2024.

10 SECTION 3. 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 2022-2023 for
13 the pilot program to remove invasive species in and around
14 Waiahole stream on Oahu.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 1497

Report Title:

Invasive Species; Pilot Program; Waiahole Stream; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the division of forestry and wildlife of the department of land and natural resources to establish a two-year pilot program to remove invasive species in and around Waiahole stream on Oahu.

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