



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1305**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1179 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.  
**ACT 204**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 27 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 204  
H.B. NO. 1179  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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 gorse (*Ulex*  
2 *europaeus*), which is native to western Europe and was introduced  
3 to Hawaii as a food plant for sheep and as a "living fence", has  
4 become an invasive species due to its aggressive seed dispersal.  
5 Gorse has proven very difficult to eradicate and detrimental in  
6 native habitats; thus far, it is known to exist on the islands  
7 of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai.

8 The legislature further finds that the Aina Mauna legacy  
9 program, unanimously approved by the Hawaiian homes commission,  
10 is the department of Hawaiian home lands' guiding framework for  
11 well-coordinated management for long-term protection and  
12 perpetuation of the Aina Mauna ecosystem in the Humuulu-Piihonua  
13 area located on the northeast slopes of Mauna Kea. The  
14 program's mission is to protect approximately fifty-six thousand  
15 acres of native Hawaiian forest that is ecologically,  
16 culturally, and economically self-sustaining for the Hawaiian  
17 home lands trust, its beneficiaries, and the community.



1           The legislature further finds that a significant need  
2 exists for greater economic opportunities for native Hawaiians,  
3 some of which could be provided through the collection and  
4 product development of gorse from Mauna Kea.

5           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot  
6 program within the Aina Mauna legacy program of the department  
7 of Hawaiian home lands to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna  
8 Kea and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic  
9 opportunities for native Hawaiians.

10           SECTION 2. (a) There is established a pilot program  
11 within the Aina Mauna legacy program of the department of  
12 Hawaiian home lands to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna Kea  
13 and develop it as a marketable product to expand economic  
14 opportunities for native Hawaiians.

15           (b) The department of Hawaiian home lands shall submit to  
16 the legislature a report regarding the pilot program no later  
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions  
18 of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

19           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the



1 establishment of a pilot program within the Aina Mauna legacy  
2 program of the department of Hawaiian home lands to remove and  
3 harvest gorse from Mauna Kea and develop it as a marketable  
4 product to expand economic opportunities for native Hawaiians.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and  
8 shall be repealed on June 30, 2026.

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1179, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

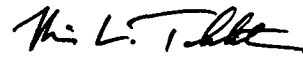
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 03, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate