



GOV. MSG. NO. 1285

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 2024

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second 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 July 3, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2546 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.
ACT 184

Sincerely,



Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2546
H.D. 1
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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 the coconut
2 rhinoceros beetle can have devastating impacts on palm species
3 that are foundational to the State's agricultural economy,
4 cultural heritage, and ecosystems. The legislature further
5 finds that the use of fine meshed nets can be an effective means
6 of preventing adult coconut rhinoceros beetles from accessing
7 vulnerable plants, effectively mitigating their impact on local
8 plants and the environment. Additionally, fine mesh netting,
9 meant for non-aquatic usage, is a regulated device for pest
10 control under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
11 Rodenticide Act, as amended.

12 The purpose of this Act is to allow for the use of fine
13 meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive
14 species, under certain conditions.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

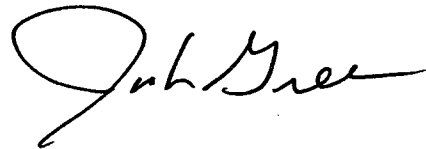


1 "§141- Fine meshed nets; invasive species; permissible;
2 rules. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, fine
3 meshed nets may be used for the protection of plants against
4 invasive species, as determined by the department of
5 agriculture; provided that the fine meshed nets shall be applied
6 in a manner that is unlikely to entangle birds, become dislodged
7 and enter water, or entangle or disturb native and beneficial
8 animals, including but not limited to pollinators, ladybugs or
9 lady beetles, and net-winged insects.

10 (b) The department of agriculture shall adopt rules in
11 accordance with chapter 91 to implement this section, including
12 but not limited to establishing requirements related to filament
13 diameter, color, and the inclusion of visual cues to prevent
14 non-targeted entanglement and prohibiting the use of mist net
15 material that is used for bird work."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 3rd day of July , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2546, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



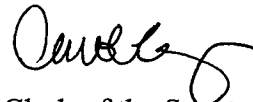
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate