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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 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§150A- Invasive species inspection placard program.

6 (a) The department of agriculture shall establish and implement  
7 an invasive species inspection placard program to:

8 (1) Enhance the control, removal, and eradication of  
9 invasive species on the premises of an agricultural  
10 producer; and

11 (2) Inform the public of the most recent invasive species  
12 inspection results for agricultural producers.

13 (b) In establishing the invasive species inspection  
14 placard program, the department shall develop a system to:

15 (1) Conduct inspections annually or in response to a  
16 complaint on the premises of an agricultural producer



1           to determine if any invasive species are on the  
2           premises of the agricultural producer; and  
3           (2) If any invasive species are found, allow for the  
4           removal or eradication of any discovered invasive  
5           species by the agricultural producer within a time  
6           period as determined by the department.

7           (c) The department shall issue to the agricultural  
8           producer a corresponding color coded placard indicating the  
9           compliance status of the agricultural producer after completion  
10           of the inspection or after the allowed time period to remove or  
11           eradicate the discovered invasive species.

12           (d) The department shall post the results of all invasive  
13           species inspections conducted pursuant to this section on the  
14           department's website and update the results upon completion of  
15           each inspection.

16           (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
17           91 necessary for the implementation of this section.

18           (f) As used in this section:  
19           "Agricultural producer" means a farmer, cooperative  
20           association, or landowner who derives at least fifty per cent of



1 its gross income from agricultural activities conducted within  
2 the State.

3 "Invasive species" means any animal, insect, disease agent,  
4 or other organism in any stage of development that is  
5 detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture."

6 PART II

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
10 mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut  
11 rhinoceros beetle in the State.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 agriculture for the purposes of this part.

14 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
15 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
17 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
18 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
19 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
20 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
21 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further





**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Invasive Species; Inspections;  
Placard Program; Little Fire Ants; Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle;  
Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement an invasive species inspection placard program to enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer and inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers. Appropriates funds to mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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