
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN
THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY.

1 WHEREAS, the impacts of invasive species on the State have
2 been severe, harmful, and costly, leading to habitat
3 degradation, extinction of native species, and rising costs in
4 agriculture and livestock production; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State has recognized the importance of
7 biosecurity as a critical strategy to prevent the introduction
8 and spread of invasive species, which threaten local ecosystems,
9 food security, and public health; and

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11 WHEREAS, each county faces unique biosecurity challenges
12 due to differences in climate, land use, agriculture, and
13 transportation infrastructure, necessitating localized
14 approaches to biosecurity planning and response; and

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16 WHEREAS, strengthening biosecurity at the county level will
17 enable proactive identification of risks, enhance early
18 detection and rapid response efforts, and improve coordination
19 with state and federal agencies; and

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21 WHEREAS, additionally, establishing county-level
22 biosecurity plans will allow each county to prioritize its
23 biosecurity needs and develop community-based strategies for
24 invasive species mitigation; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2025, that each county is encouraged to establish its own
29 biosecurity plan that prioritizes the needs of the county and
30 identifies proposals for legislative changes at the State and
31 county level to promote the county's biosecurity; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because biosecurity efforts are
2 an ongoing effort statewide, each county is encouraged to
3 collaborate with other counties in developing its biosecurity
4 plan; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is encouraged to
7 share its findings and biosecurity plan and collaborate with the
8 State, including the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii
9 Invasive Species Council; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
13 Agriculture; Co-Chairpersons of the Hawaii Invasive Species
14 Council; and Mayors and Council Chairs of the City and County of
15 Honolulu and Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

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