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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, the impacts of invasive species in 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 Senate of the Thirty-third  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
28 that each county is encouraged to establish its own biosecurity  
29 plan that prioritizes the needs of the county and identifies  
30 proposals for legislative changes at the state and county level  
31 to promote biosecurity; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because biosecurity efforts are  
34 an ongoing effort statewide, each county is encouraged to



1 collaborate with other counties and the State, including the  
2 Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Invasive Species Council,  
3 in developing its biosecurity plan; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is encouraged to  
6 share its findings and biosecurity plan with the State,  
7 including the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Invasive  
8 Species Council; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
12 Agriculture, Co-Chairpersons of the Hawaii Invasive Species  
13 Council, and Mayor and Council Chair of each county.

