ACT 21

S.B. NO. 1478

A Bill for an Act Relating to Plants.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 150A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The board shall maintain a list of restricted plants and a list of prohibited plants. Restricted plants shall not be imported into the State without a permit issued pursuant to rules, and any violation of the conditions listed on the permit shall be a violation of this section.

The department of agriculture shall designate specific plants that may spread or may be likely to spread an infestation or infection of an insect, pest, or disease that is detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, horticulture, animal or public health, or natural resources including native biota, or may have an adverse effect on the environment as determined by the board. These plants are to be designated by rule as restricted plants. In addition, plant species designated by rule as noxious weeds are designated as restricted plants."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved April 22, 1999.)