



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 1005 – RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1005, which appropriate moneys to the Department of Agriculture to enhance the biosecurity program by funding invasive incipient species management programs.

Invasive species attacking people, crops and native forests products are an enormous problem in Hawai'i, as evidenced by the recently completed Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan. Prevention, discovery, and eradication of these invaders at an early stage are always the best management options; although the resources required to do this are always a limitation. HB 1005 appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to support these important efforts to battle pest invasions.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1005.