



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Agriculture
And
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.
By
Rachel Novotny, Interim Dean
And
J. Kenneth Grace, Associate Dean
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1339 – RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Chairs Creagan and Lee, Vice Chairs DeCoite and Lowen, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1339 which restructures the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council as the Hawai'i Invasive Species Authority to coordinate implementation of the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity plan and related duties, and appropriates funds for this purpose.

The University of Hawai'i is a member of the interagency Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, and will remain a member under the restructuring proposed in HB 1339. We support this restructuring and attachment to the Department of Agriculture, and believe that it will strengthen efforts to prevent and control invasive pests, plants, and plant diseases in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the effort to testify in support of HB 1339.