



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 1091 – RELATING TO BIOSECURITY

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1091, 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. SB 1091 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 SB 1091.