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RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 12-1

SUPPORTING THE MICRONESIAN BIOSECURITY PLAN REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF HAWAI'I AS A POTENTIAL RECIPIENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense has provided funding for an unprecedented regional planning model assessing the risk of invasive species introductions in Micronesia and providing biosecurity recommendations with regard to the relocation of military facilities from various points in the Pacific to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Micronesian Biosecurity Plan will be reviewed by the University of Guam and selected experts throughout the Pacific, with the intent of finalizing the plan and developing a Strategic Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the military relocation to Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will increase transportation between Micronesia and Hawai'i, thereby increasing the risk of invasive species introductions to the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council is required by Chapter 194-2(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to "advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species-related efforts" with state, federal, and international programs and policies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council that the Council applauds the efforts of the U.S. Department of Defense in funding an unprecedented, large-scale, proactive risk assessment regarding invasive species introductions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports the review of the Micronesian Biosecurity Plan and the development of a Strategic Implementation Plan by the University of Guam and its partners, including experts from Hawai'i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the risks of invasive species introductions to the State of Hawai'i be included in the finalized Micronesian Biosecurity Plan and Strategic Implementation Plan, with recommendations for reducing those risks.