



HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Resolution No. 11-2

REGARDING ALBIZIA

Albizia is native to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. It is a fast growing species capable of reaching 40 m in height and is difficult and costly to remove once established. Albizia associates with nitrogen-fixing bacteria in the soil, altering local soil composition and impacting the growth of native species. The tree often grows along roadways and produces brittle branches that easily break and fall, causing a threat to cars and other property below.

The County of Hawai'i has requested that albizia (*Falcataria moluccana*) be designated by the HISC as an invasive species. Like many other places in state, the County of Hawai'i has found albizia to be a nuisance. Agencies statewide need additional authorities to remove these trees where they are identified as being a threat to human safety and the environment.

Recommendation: That the Council support listing albizia as a HISC-designated invasive species through an administrative rule process.

Action: Unanimously approved.

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