



HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Resolution No. 11-3

REGARDING MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes were introduced to Hawai'i in the mid-1800s and may transmit diseases such as yellow fever, dengue fever, or malaria. There are 6 known species of mosquito present in Hawai'i. However, we do not have the mosquitoes known to transmit malaria or the species that best transmits dengue fever. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture is responsible to prevent the entry of mosquitoes in cargo, through inspection, and the diseases they carry into the State. The Department of Health is responsible for monitoring for mosquitoes around ports, identifying and monitoring mosquito populations, and addressing outbreaks of mosquito-borne diseases.

Due to reductions in budget, these programs have been severely reduced or eliminated throughout the state.

Recommendation: The HISC supports the Working Groups to assist the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health to develop a strategy to prevent and monitor the introduction of new mosquito species in Hawai'i.

Action: Unanimously approved.

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