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SUBMITTAL

TO: Co-chairs and Members
Hawaii Invasive Species Council
State of Hawaii

FROM: Joshua Atwood, Program Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Requesting adoption of the proposed Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategic Plan 2015-2020

Background

In 2003, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) was established by the passage of Senate Bill 1505 and the signing of Act 85 by Governor Linda Lingle. Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) describes the HISC's membership and grants certain authorities and responsibilities to the HISC. In particular, HRS 194-2 (a) establishes the HISC "for the special purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning... for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful."

To effectuate HRS 194, the HISC has previously adopted two strategic planning documents: an *Interim State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Research, and Public Outreach* for 2005-2008, and the *Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategy 2008-2013*. In 2013 the HISC provided support for a planner to begin work on drafting a new five-year strategic plan.

Discussion

The HISC utilized 2014 as a planning year to engage agency staff and other stakeholders, including the public, to develop goals, strategies, and evaluation measures for a five-year strategic plan addressing 2015-2020. Emily Montgomery, HISC Planner, coordinated and led a process that included:

- A joint two-day invasive species charrette with the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species to brainstorm broad priorities, visions, and mission statements
- Topic-focused meetings to further prioritize goals and develop specific strategies and evaluation measures for each of the HISC Working Groups (including Prevention, Control, Outreach, Research & Technology, and Resources)
- A webinar on incorporating climate change into invasive species planning
- Open review period for goals and strategies beginning October 24, 2014

- HISC review of goals and strategies at the October 28, 2014 meeting of the Council
- Open review period for the complete draft strategic plan beginning April 24, 2015.

The final draft document, *Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategic Plan 2015-2020* is attached to this submittal.

Legal Authority

- HRS 194-2; relating to coordination and planning for the prevention, control, and eradication of invasive species.

Recommendation

That the Hawaii Invasive Species Council adopt the proposed *Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategic Plan 2015-2020* as its official strategic plan for 2015-2020, in substantially the same form as attached to this submittal.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Proposed *Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategic Plan 2015-2020*