

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

SHAN TSUTSUI
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

1151 PUNCHBOWL ST, #325
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

VOTING MEMBERS

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR
DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL
RESOURCES

RUSSELL KOKUBUN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GARY GILL
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MARIA GALLO, PhD
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

JESSE SOUKI
OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
TOURISM

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUBMITTAL

TO: Chairpersons and Members
Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC)
State of Hawaii

FROM: Joshua Atwood, Invasive Species Coordinator
Dept. of Land & Natural Resources / HISC

SUBJECT: Council review and approval of recommended HISC budget for fiscal year 2014

Pursuant to the 2008-2013 HISC Strategy, the Resources Working Group has prepared a recommended budget for HISC funds in FY14. The recommended budget describes a spending plan for \$2,550,000, comprised of \$750,000 in general funds identified in the biennium budget and \$1,800,000 in special funds provided by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Suggested awards in the attached recommended budget were created using the following process:

1. Proposals for HISC projects were received by June 5, 2013 and were made available to interested parties on June 7. Proposals were grouped into content areas including Planning, Prevention, Outreach, and Control.
2. An open Proposal Review Meeting was held on June 18, 2013, for applicants to answer additional questions about their proposals and discuss flexibility in viable funding amounts.
3. A group of 3-4 evaluators (the Invasive Species Coordinator, Working Group Chairs, and individuals familiar with the subject matter who did not submit proposals) were assigned to each content area and scored proposals using a rubric available in the proposal guidelines.
4. Working Group chairs and the Invasive Species Coordinator created suggested awards to begin the discussion at the Resources Working Group Meeting on June 25, 2013. At this open meeting, Working Group Chairs amended suggested award amounts with input from applicants and interested parties. The resulting recommended budget is presented to the Council for review and approval at the July 1, 2013 meeting of the HISC.

Non-voting participants in HISC discussions include members of the State Senate (J. Kalani English, Clarence Nishihara, Gilbert Kahele, Ronald Kouchi), House of Representatives (Derek Kawakami, Mark Hashem, Clift Tsuji, Mele Carroll), Dept of Defense, Dept of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Counties of Hawai'i, and federal representatives from the U.S. Dept of the Interior and U.S. Dept of Agriculture