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RESOLUTION 15-1

**SUPPORTING THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S 2016 INTERAGENCY
BIOSECURITY PLANNING INITIATIVE AND COMMITTING AGENCY ENGAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, as an archipelago of volcanic origin, has unique natural and cultural resources threatened by the introduction, spread and establishment of alien invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the term "biosecurity" refers to policies and procedures relating to the exclusion, eradication or effective management of risks posed by invasive species to the environment, economy, and human health; and

WHEREAS, a broad-spectrum approach to a biosecurity system that encompasses pre-border, border, and post-border actions can reduce the potential for invasive species to enter, spread and establish within the State; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture is, at present, the only state agency with a mandated "Biosecurity Program" per Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the invasive species problem in Hawaii impacts multiple sectors and is relevant to, and the shared responsibility of, multiple state, federal, county, and private entities; and

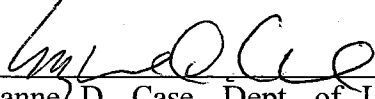
WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture will launch an interagency planning initiative in 2016 to develop a multi-sector biosecurity plan for Hawaii; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council supports the development of a biosecurity plan for the State of Hawaii that describes the issues of biosecurity and invasive species from an interagency perspective; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council support the biosecurity planning initiative being led by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture in 2016 by committing to the engagement of their respective agencies' staff and expertise in the planning process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, the President of the State Senate, and the Speaker of the State House of Representatives.

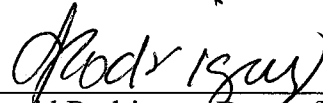
Adopted by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council on the following date: December 4, 2015.



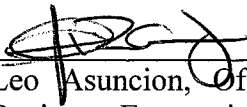
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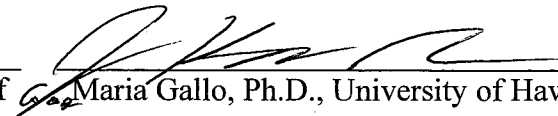
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