RESOLUTION 17-1

ENDORSING THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY BIOSECURITY PLAN AND COMMITTING TO IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture has developed the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan (2017-2027) in collaboration with other state, county, and federal agencies, as well as industry stakeholders and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan describes 147 action items that will strengthen Hawaii's biosecurity system and mitigate risks associated with invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council is authorized by Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 194-2, to advise and coordinate invasive species-related efforts with and between state, federal, international, and private programs; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan requires the Hawaii Invasive Species Council and its constituent agencies to take certain actions that contribute toward full and timely implementation of the plan; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council endorses the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan as the guiding strategy of the State of Hawaii for the development of an effective, interagency biosecurity system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council commits generally to facilitating the timely implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council commit specifically to, at a minimum, initiating implementation of the highest priority action items identified in the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan for the first biennium addressed by the plan (2017-2018); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and to the directors or chairpersons of each HISC agency.
Adopted by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council on the following date: January 17, 2017

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