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## **RESOLUTION 14-2**

REQUESTING A LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU STUDY TO UPDATE THE 2002 REPORT TITLED "FILLING THE GAPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES"

WHEREAS, the Legislative Reference Bureau, in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution 45 H.D. 1 (2001), published a 2002 report titled *Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species*; and

WHEREAS, this report has provided critical data regarding the costs associated with invasive species, funding needed to address invasive species issues, and key recommendations for filling organizational gaps associated with invasive species management; and

WHEREAS, the invasive species problem in Hawaii has changed substantially since the publication of this report in 2002; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council requests that the Legislature ask the Legislative Reference Bureau to undertake a new study to update their 2002 report *Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species* to reflect the current state of the invasive species problem in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council suggests that the new study provide updated information within the areas addressed by the original 2002 report, including but not limited to:

- 1. The scope of the invasive species problem on global and local levels
- 2. The economic and environmental costs to Hawaii associated with invasive species
- 3. Health and safety issues for Hawaii associated with invasive species
- 4. State and federal agencies having responsibilities concerning the invasive species problem
- 5. Gaps and leaks in the present system
- 6. Funding for invasive species programs; 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 the director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Adopted by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council on the following date: 10/28/14	
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