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Chairpersons and Members Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) State of Hawai'i

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**SUBJECT**: Requesting the promulgation of administrative rules for the implementation of HRS 194, the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council.

The HISC was established for the special purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning among state departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State of Hawai'i and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful (HRS 194-2).

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45, H.D. 1 (2001) requested the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the issue of invasive species in Hawai'i. The 2002 "Filling the Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species" included policy recommendations, funding needs and options, which lead to then-Governor Benjamin Cayetano's issuance of Executive Order No. 2002---03 establishing the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council in June, 2002. In 2003 the HISC was authorized by past Governor Lingle under Act 85. Act 85 passed into a statute in 2005, and HRS Chapter 194 defines its purpose, composition, and responsibilities, and gives its member agencies the authorization to enter private or public property to control invasive species with proper notification.

**Recommendation:** That the Council direct the HISC staff to draft administrative rules to be promulgated by the Council.