



Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategic Interagency Funding

What is the HISC?

The HISC is an interagency board comprised of the directors or designees of six State agencies: the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Department of Agriculture (HDOA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Transportation (HIDOT), Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), and the University of Hawai'i (UH). HISC members **provide cabinet-level direction on invasive species issues** with input from members of the State Legislature, federal and county partners, and the public. One of the ways the HISC strategically advances invasive species prevention and control is to **develop an annual interagency budget** for research programs and partnerships that fill gaps between and advance beyond existing State programs.

How do HISC funds work?

HISC funds are an interagency resource that is meant to **complement existing State programs** such as agricultural inspection, forestry and wildlife management, and control of vectors of human disease. **Funding for existing core programs at individual agencies is critical** in order to provide the base infrastructure for invasive species prevention and control in Hawai'i. Because invasive species are a complex, cross-sector problem, **HISC funds help fill the gaps** between agency mandates and make strategic advances in prevention and control.

Interagency HISC funds fill gaps between and strategically advance beyond core agency programs. See reverse side for examples of HISC projects.						
	HDOA	DLNR	DOH	HIDOT	DBEDT	UH
Core programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspection• Quarantine• Pests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry• Wildlife• Aquatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disease Vectors• Env. Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airports• Harbors• Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism• Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Research• Cooperative Extension
Examples of relevant funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• Barrel Tax• Cargo Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• Conveyance Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• Barrel Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• FAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• TAT• NOAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G-funds• Academic grants

How are HISC funds disbursed?

HISC funds are **provided by the State Legislature** and appropriated to DLNR (the administrative host of the HISC). The HISC releases a call for proposals, highlighting interagency priorities for invasive species work in a given fiscal year. State, federal, and county government offices, including the UH System, then apply to the HISC for project funds. **An interagency panel** reviews project proposals at a series of meetings to prepare a recommended budget for review by the Council. All meetings are open to the public, and **input from legislators on the budget is encouraged**. After Council approval, HISC support staff at DLNR administer the interagency budget and work closely with project leaders to ensure success.



Hawaii Invasive Species Council FY15 Funded Projects

In FY15, the legislature provided \$5.75M in interagency project funding to the HISC. Here are some of the critical projects that funding supports.

