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RESOLUTION 19-1

SUPPORTING THE USE OF BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE IN REGULATION OF HERBICIDES AND RECOGNIZING THE UTILITY OF GLYPHOSATE AS A TOOL FOR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

WHEREAS glyphosate is the active ingredient in herbicide formulations registered in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS glyphosate is used to control invasive plant species that threaten native plant habitat, alter ecosystem function, decrease agricultural production, and increase risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization in 2015 identified limited evidence in humans for the carcinogenicity of glyphosate in humans and classified glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic to humans,” irrespective of dose; and

WHEREAS the US Environmental Protection Agency found in the 2017 *Summary Review of Recent Analysis of Glyphosate Use and Cancer Incidence in the Agricultural Health Study* no statistically significant relationship between exposure to glyphosate when used according to label and cancer incidence in humans; and

WHEREAS the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture are responsible for regulation of pesticides that are used in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to advise and coordinate invasive species-related efforts with and between state, federal, international, and private programs, and to coordinate the State’s position with regard to invasive species; and

RECOGNIZING that there has been considerable public discourse, including policy discussions, over the use of chemical control tools; and

RECOGNIZING efforts to mitigate the impacts of invasive species in Hawaii are best served by having a broad array of pest management strategies that include appropriate mechanical, chemical, and biological control tools; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council recognizes the utility of glyphosate, when used according to label requirements, as a tool used to control invasive plants in Hawaii for the protection of native ecosystems, agricultural production, and wildfire mitigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council supports the use of best available science, including reliance on expertise at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, as the basis for discussions regarding the regulation of herbicides and other chemical tools in Hawaii; 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 29, 2019

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