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Hawai'i Invasive Species Council

Public Meeting Notes

August 30, 2019, at 1:00 pm

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Rm 132

1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI, 96813

Agenda Item

1. Call to order at 1:03pm (Chair Case)
2. Introductions:
 - a. Council members in attendance: Nicholas Comerford and Walter Bowen, UH; Suzanne Case, DLNR; Morris Atta, HDOA; Keith Kawaoka, HDOH; David Rodriguez, HDOT
 - b. Legislative participants in attendance: Rep. Nadine Nakamura, Rep. Nicole Lowen, Sen. Mike Gabbard
3. Approval of minutes from January 29, 2019 meeting (Members Comerford, Rodriguez)
4. Submittal: Requesting approval of a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (Josh Atwood, DOFAW & Justine Nihipali, DBEDT)
 - a. See presentation at hisc.hawaii.gov.
 - b. Council discussion:
 - i. Chair Case: How do you deal with the funding gap between what's proposed and what is awarded
 1. Josh Atwood: Applicants are aware that we typically award partial funding, and they have the opportunity to adjust their deliverables to match the amount of available funds that are offered. We assist where possible in finding alternative funding sources that can be leveraged by HISC funds and help meet total project need.
 - ii. Rep. Lowen: How are the funds for rapid ohia death from the Legislature handled? By HISC or by DOFAW?
 1. Josh Atwood: Those funds are coordinated by Rob Hauff at DOFAW.
 - iii. Suzanne Case: How are managers currently controlling the mosquitoes on Kauai?
 1. Josh Atwood: They're using a product called dunk, which contains a bacterial agent.

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- iv. Rep. Lowen: What is Rubus?
 - 1. Josh Atwood: It is a genus of blackberry/raspberry plants, some of which are invasive. (e.g., Himalayan blackberry)
- v. Rep. Lowen: Were there any other proposals addressing rat lungworm disease other than the outreach project that wasn't funded?
 - 1. Josh Atwood: No, no other proposals this year, but the HISC has funded Susan Jarvi's lab at UH Hilo in the past. That lab received a specific legislative appropriation in recent years, and appropriations for rat lungworm work also went directly to DOH and HDOA.
- vi. Sen. Mike Gabbard: Is the citric acid spraying system not working in Maliko Gulch on Maui?
 - 1. Josh Atwood: The system is working, but MISC doesn't have the capacity to control the coqui population with the citric acid program alone. Additional tools, including a barrier fence, are needed.
- c. Josh Atwood discussed the additional expenditure restrictions imposed by the Department of Budget and Finance this year and how to account for the potential release of restricted funds at the end of the fiscal year (see submittal at hisc.hawaii.gov).
- d. Submittal recommendation to approve (Rep Nakamura, Member Atta)
- 5. Presentation: Update on planning for new biocontrol research facilities (Dr. Kevin Haufman, Plant Industry Administrator, HDOA)
 - a. Discussed possibility of developing a new federal facility in addition to the HDOA facility that is being assessed. A cost benefit analysis would be needed in order to justify both a state and a federal facility, versus a single facility that state and federal programs could use.
 - b. HDOA facility: The legislature awarded \$180,000 to begin planning for a biocontrol facility. HDOA has been working on a site selection process and has developed a request for proposals to begin the planning process.
- 6. Presentation: Summary of Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan implementation progress and remaining needs requiring legislative approval (Josh Atwood)
 - a. See presentation and progress report at hisc.hawaii.gov
 - b. Rep. Lowen: Part of the question surrounding the 2019 request for invasive species technicians at DOFAW was the position vacancies in the NARS program.

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7. Presentation: Summary of 2020-2025 Joint Strategic Planning Process for HISC and the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (Josh Atwood & Christy Martin, CGAPS)
 - a. A broad stakeholder input process has been initiated to get comments and guidance on developing draft strategies and objectives, which will be presented to the Council at a later date. Because HISC and CGAPS share a similar vision but use different networks and tasks to approach that vision, the two groups have elected to conduct a joint planning process that will result in tasks that are assigned to HISC, CGAPS, or are considered joint tasks.
8. Public Comments: None.
9. Adjournment at 2:10pm (Chair Case)