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Senator Kaiuli'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

RE: SCR 145/SR 112 Relating to Invasive Species

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 145 and SR 112.

A year ago, the Council of Mayors identified invasive species as a top-priority issue that deserves your attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

SCR 145 and SR 112 would be another recognition by the Legislature of the importance of invasive species control, and perhaps serve as encouragement to the Administration to devote even more resources to the continuing threat that invasives pose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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