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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 201, HD1, SD1 Relating to Invasive Species

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 201, HD1, SD1.

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.

HB 201, HD1, SD1 would put the State and the counties in a better position to fight against invasives. It would take a valuable tool and make it stronger.

We ask that HB 201, HD1, SD1 be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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