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SB 1160

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDSCAPING

Senate Committee on
Government Operations, Environmental Protection
and Hawaiian Programs

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SB 1160 would amend section 103-24.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide for use of polynesian introduced plants in public landscaping.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

In general our reviewers favored this measure, although there was some question as to what criteria were included within the context of feasibility (p.1, line 5), and whether or not such a level of legislation constituted micromanagement. Certainly, in principle, there is no danger of any of these plants becoming a noxious weed, in that if that were a possibility, they would already be one.

We would suggest that the term, "polynesian introduced species" be defined somewhere, and that the definition specify that these are one of the 25 or so species that were brought to Hawaii by the colonizing polynesians long before European contact.