

State of Hawaii
Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
PLANTS AND ANIMALS
MEETING

Wednesday
September 17, 2025
9:00 A.M.

Place: In person access Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity Plant Quarantine
Branch Conference Room
1849 Auiki Street
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES
- IV. REQUEST(S) FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY COMMITTEE

Note: Public testimony will be accepted on each agenda item.

A. Request for:

- (1) Review of the Petition From Kunani and Ipo Nihipali to Initiate Administrative Rule Making to Implement an Interim Rule Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §150A-9.5, to Prohibit the Transportation of Plants, Soil, Gravel, and Other Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) Host Material Including Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood or Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Medial and Other Items Comprised of Decomposing Organic Plant Material Such as Landscaping Material or Erosion Control Socks, to the Island of Molokai From Any Other Area in the State to Prevent the Spread of CRB;
- (2) A Finding that the Existing Regulations in 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Related to the Interisland Movement of Plants, Soil, Gravel, and Other CRB Host Material Including Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood or Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Medial and Other Items Comprised of Decomposing Organic Plant Material Such as Landscaping Material or Erosion Control Socks is Insufficient to Prevent the Spread of CRB to the Island of Molokai From Any Other Area in the State and Constitutes an Emergency Justifying an Interim Rule; and
- (3) A Finding that the Adoption of an Interim Rule to Further Restrict the Movement of Plants, Soil, Gravel, and Other CRB Host Material Including Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood or Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Medial and Other Items Comprised of Decomposing Organic Plant Material Such as Landscaping Material or Erosion Control Socks is Required to Prevent the Spread of CRB to the Island of Molokai From Any Other Area in the State.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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