

State of Hawaii
Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
PLANTS AND ANIMALS
MEETING

Friday
February 27, 2026
1:00PM

Place: In person access - Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity
Plant Quarantine Branch Conference Room
1849 Auiki Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-3100

and

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. REQUEST(S) FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY COMMITTEE

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

A. Request to:

- (1) Allow the Collection and Possession of the Following Organisms on the List of Restricted Animals (Part A): *Anemonia manjano*, an Anemone, *Bartholomea annulata*, an Anemone, *Diadumene lineata*, an Anemone, *Discosoma nummiforme*, a Corallimorph, an Unidentified Corallimorph in the Family *Discosomatidae*, *Capnella spicata*, a Coral, *Carijoa riisei*, a Coral and *Unomia stolonifera*, a Coral, by Permit, for Scientific Research by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; and
- (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Collection and Possession of the Following Organisms on the List of Restricted Animals (Part A): *Anemonia manjano*, an Anemone, *Bartholomea annulata*, an Anemone, *Diadumene lineata*, an Anemone, *Discosoma nummiforme*, a Corallimorph, an Unidentified Corallimorph in the Family *Discosomatidae*, *Capnella spicata*, a Coral, *Carijoa riisei*, a Coral and *Unomia stolonifera*, a Coral, by Permit, for Scientific Research by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service.

B. Request for:

- (1) Review of the Petition From Megan Lamson, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, and Leila Kealoha, Pōhaku Pelemaka, to Initiate Administrative Rulemaking to Implement an Interim Rule Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §150A-9.5, to Restrict the Transportation of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) Host Material Which

Includes All Genera of Live Palm Plants, Potted Plants of Any Size, Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood, Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Media and Other Items Comprised of Decomposing Organic Plant Material Such as Landscaping Material or Erosion Control Socks From a Designated CRB Infested Area on Hawai'i Island to Any Other Area in the State; and Restrict the Transportation, Receipt, Processing, Sale, Barter, Donation, or Otherwise Giving Away of CRB Host Material Within the Designated CRB infested area on Hawai'i Island, by Requiring a Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity Permit or Compliance Agreement to Contain/Slow the Spread of CRB on Hawai'i Island;

- (2) A Finding that the Existing Regulations in chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Related to the Transportation of CRB Host Material including All Genera of Live Palm Plants, Potted Plants of Any Size, Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood, Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Media and Other Items Comprised of Decomposing Organic Plant Material Such as Landscaping Material or Erosion Control Socks is Insufficient to Contain/Slow the Spread of CRB on Hawai'i Island which creates a situation dangerous to the public health and safety or to the ecological health of flora or fauna present 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 Transportation of CRB Host Material including All Genera of Live Palm Plants, Potted Plants of Any Size, Decomposing Plant Material Such as Compost, Wood, Tree Chips, and Mulch, Plant Propagation Media 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 Contain/Slow the Spread of CRB Hawai'i Island.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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