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Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan January 2020 Progress Update

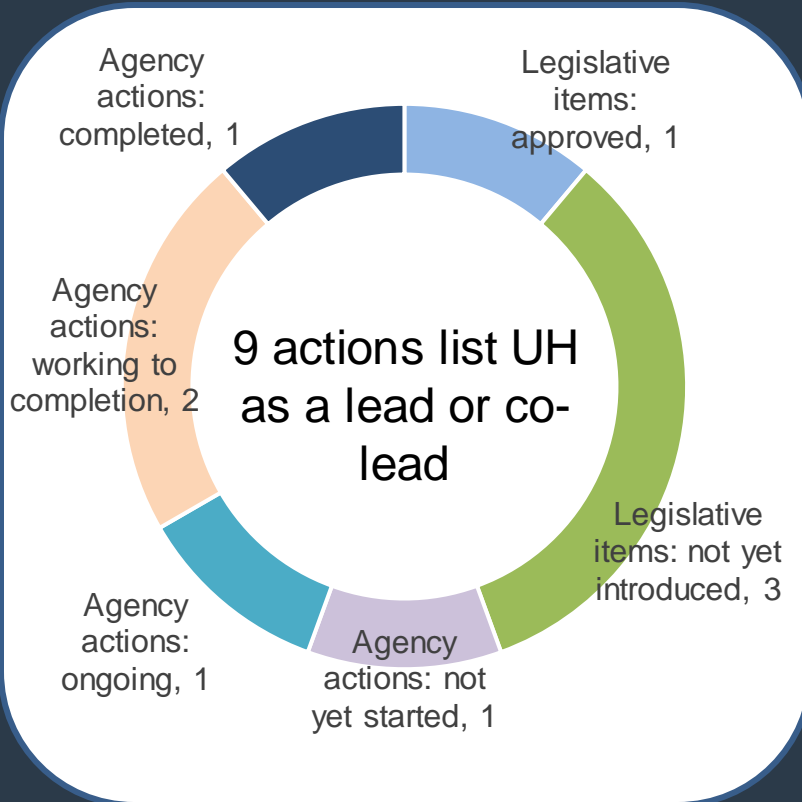


Primary Biosecurity Roles

- Research related to biosecurity and invasive species
- Development of Best Management Practices based on research
- Extension education and communication in biosecurity
- Postborder detection of invasive species



UH HIBP Actions



Highlights:

- 10 Extension Agents hired 2017-18
- Herbicide ballistic technology
- Research on ant baits
- Contributing to Rapid Ohia Death research & response

Remaining Needs:

- Add aquaculture extension & research
- Add biosecurity diagnostician positions
- Add research/teaching faculty
- Write/adopt BMPs
- Continue detection & control research
- Support stabilizing the UH Invasive Species Committees & Ant Lab

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CTAHR Support for Biosecurity in the past year

- Hiring temporary Entomologist on Hawaii with APHIS funds
- Finished hiring all Extension Agents (10) - Edible crop and ornamental agents help with biosecurity
- Hiring a Integrated Pest Management Faculty (retirement replacement, Hawaii)
- Hiring a Mycologist (retirement replacement)

