State of Hawaii
Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity
Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA
Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals

Date: September 28, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

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) Preliminarily Review the Currently Unlisted Wasp, *Metaphycus macadamiae* (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae), for Future Placement on the List of Restricted Animals (Part A) as a Biocontrol Agent of *Acanthococcus ironsidei* (Hemiptera: Eriococcidae), by the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Plant Pest Control Branch (DAB-PPC);

(2) Provided the Wasp, *Metaphycus macadamiae,* is Placed on the List of Restricted Animals (Part A), Establish Permit Conditions for the Import, Possession and Field Release of the Wasp *Metaphycus macadamiae* as a Biocontrol Agent of *Acanthococcus ironsidei* by DAB-PPC; and

(3) Provided the Wasp, *Metaphycus macadamiae,* is Placed on the List of Restricted Animals (Part A), Allow the Import, Possession, and Field Release from the DAB-PPC Insect Containment Facility of the Wasp, *Metaphycus macadamiae*, by Permit, for Biocontrol of *Acanthococcus ironsidei* by DAB-PPC;

B. 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 Restrict 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) 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 to Prevent the Spread of CRB to the Island of Molokai From Any Other Area in the State.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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