

HR 1726

Continued Rapid Ohia Death Response Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2023
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 927	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill establishes requirements to research and control Rapid Ohia Death, which is the disease caused by the fungal pathogen known as *Ceratocystis fimbriata* that affects the tree of the species *Metrosideros polymorpha*.

Specifically, the Department of the Interior must partner with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Hawaii to control and address Rapid Ohia Death.

In addition, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Forest Service Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry must continue to research Rapid Ohia Death vectors and transmission.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must continue to partner with USDA, Hawaii and local stakeholders to manage ungulates (e.g., certain mammals such as deer) in Rapid Ohia Death control areas on federal, state, and private land, with the consent of private landowners.

Finally, the Forest Service must provide (1) financial assistance to prevent the spread of the fungus and to restore the native forests of Hawaii, and (2) staff and necessary infrastructure funding to the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry to research the fungus.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5725-5726)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1726.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5725)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5725)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-205, Part I.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 166.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 23, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.