

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 375

To require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2025

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill; which was 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continued Rapid Ohia
5 Death Response Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) RAPID OHIA DEATH.—The term “Rapid
2 Ohia Death” means the disease caused by the fungal
3 pathogen known as *Ceratocystis fimbriata* that af-
4 fects the tree of the species *Metrosideros*
5 polymorpha.

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
7 of Hawaii.

8 **SEC. 3. COLLABORATION.**

9 The Secretary of the Interior shall partner and col-
10 laborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State
11 to address Rapid Ohia Death.

12 **SEC. 4. SUSTAINED EFFORTS.**

13 (a) TRANSMISSION.—The Secretary of the Interior,
14 acting through the Director of the United States Geologi-
15 cal Survey, and the Chief of the Forest Service, acting
16 through the Forest Service Institute of Pacific Islands
17 Forestry, shall continue to conduct research on Rapid
18 Ohia Death vectors and transmission.

19 (b) UNGULATE MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of the
20 Interior, acting through the Director of the United States
21 Fish and Wildlife Service, shall continue to partner with
22 the Secretary of Agriculture, the State, and with local
23 stakeholders to manage ungulates in Rapid Ohia Death
24 control areas on Federal, State, and private land, with the
25 consent of private landowners.

1 (c) RESTORATION AND RESEARCH.—The Secretary
2 of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest
3 Service, shall continue to provide—

4 (1) financial assistance, including through
5 agreements with the Secretary of the Interior—

6 (A) to prevent the spread of Rapid Ohia
7 Death; and

8 (B) to restore the native forests of the
9 State; and

10 (2) staff and necessary infrastructure funding
11 to the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry to con-
12 duct research on Rapid Ohia Death.

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