

EACP Committee

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To: EACP Committee
Subject: coqui frogs are a problem for ALL of Maui, PLEASE HELP

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to you about the coqui frog problem that is increasing by leaps and bounds in Haiku.

I have been a Haiku resident for 25 years and am very concerned that the Coqui frog problem has increased dramatically in the last few years. The noise at night from the frogs can be heard in my house even with all the windows and doors shut.

The residents in my neighborhood, with the assistance of Maui Invasive Species, have been fighting the frogs for 5 years now, but the problem is only getting worse.

Originally MISC thought they could eradicate the frogs, but we have reached a point where that is no longer possible, mainly because in the last several years MISC has not had enough funding to increase their efforts.

Most residents on Maui are not aware how bad the problem is and how soon it will be a problem for the entire island. I'm sure you are aware of this issue on the Big Island but unless you spend time in Haiku in the affected areas you cannot imagine the extent of the noise.

THESE FROGS ARE SPREADING ALL OVER MAUI! If something isn't done soon Maui's infestation will be just like the Big Island and it will be **TOO LATE** to reverse!

Please act soon to put this issue on the top of the list of Maui problems while it is still manageable. Please allocate more funding to Maui Invasive Species and **let's request some help from our state government.**

The few small voices from residents like me will become many loud ones in the not too distant future, and then it will be too late.

Thank you for your attention to this,

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