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Rhetorical Research 1

Specter, Michael. “Could Genetically Modified Mosquitoes Save Hawaii’s Endangered Birds?” *New Yorker Magazine,* 9 Sept. 2016,

 newyorker.com/news/daily\_comment/could\_genetically\_modified\_mosquitoes\_save\_ha waiis\_endangered bird. Accessed 27 Sept. 2016

Precis:

 Science journalist Michael Specter, in his article “Could Genetically Modified Mosquitoes Save Hawaii’s Endangered Birds?”, suggests that the endangered birds of Hawaii could be saved from extinction if genetically modified

mosquitoes were permitted to enter the environment in order to eradicate the dominant avian-

malaria- bearing mosquito population. He supports his claim by first explaining the situation

with the native birds (only 42 species remain out of 100 plus, and the mosquitoes were

introduced to the islands), then puts forth the three different GMO options that are now

scientifically available, and finally, expresses how combined social conscience should seriously

weigh such major ecologically changing steps. Specter’s purpose is to explain these optional

measures in order to educate, make aware of, and open up our minds to the paths now available

to save the birds. He establishes a hopeful and informative tone for non-expert, but science-attentive readers.