

GOV. MSG. NO. 1286

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2401 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS. ACT 185

Sincerely,

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Josh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

A BILL FOR AN ACT

ACT 185

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RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and 2 roosters have become a persistent nuisance, particularly in 3 suburban and urban residential communities. Feral chickens and 4 roosters wander into yards and gardens, digging up plants, 5 damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native plants and 6 resources. Feral roosters crow at all times of the day and 7 night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by residents 8 throughout the State, and droppings from feral chickens are 9 unsanitary and create a health concern.

10 The legislature further finds that feral chickens and roosters also carry diseases that threaten other animals, 11 12 including native birds, and a noticeable increase in the number of feral chickens and roosters also creates a road hazard for 13 14 drivers who must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them. The 15 legislature further finds that residents and visitors need 16 better education to not exacerbate this problem by feeding feral 17 animals, which leads to further congregation and growth of the 18 nuisance. To protect Hawaii's ecosystem and natural resources 2024-2814 SB2401 CD1 SMA.docx

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1 and the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that 2 the State work together with the counties to identify and 3 implement collaborative solutions to control the significant 4 increase in the population of feral chickens and roosters. 5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to: 6 (1)Require the department of agriculture to work with 7 each county to implement feral chicken control 8 programs and feeding of feral animals education 9 campaigns; and 10 Require each county to match the funds expended by the (2) 11 department of agriculture for the implementation of 12 the feral chicken control program and feeding of feral 13 animals education campaign in that county. 14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall work 15 with each county to implement feral chicken control programs and 16 feeding of feral animals education campaigns in each county. 17 (b) Each county shall provide one hundred per cent of 18 matching funds for the amount of funds expended by the 19 department of agriculture for the implementation of the feral 20 chicken control program and feeding of feral animal education 21 campaign in that county.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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APPROVED this **3rd** day of **July**

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate

of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2401, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.

Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk House of Representatives