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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
PREPARE A PLAN TO REDUCE THE STATEWIDE FERAL PIG
POPULATION.

1 WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2006, the
2 Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, H.D. 2,
3 S.D. 1 (2006), which acknowledged that feral pigs are an
4 invasive species that damage the environment and threaten the
5 survival of native forests birds and other species; and
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7 WHEREAS, the migration of feral pigs from state land to
8 residential areas has caused property damage and disturbances
9 that effect the health, safety, and welfare of area residents;
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12 WHEREAS, in connection with its duty to manage and
13 administer forests, forest reserves, public hunting areas, and
14 natural areas, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
15 attempted to control feral pig populations by scheduled hunting
16 seasons; and
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18 WHEREAS, despite an increase in the feral pig population
19 and the corresponding environmental damage in residential areas
20 such as Manoa and Tantalus, the Department of Land and Natural
21 Resources has shortened the feral pig hunting season, allowing
22 the population to remain steady, if not increase; and
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24 WHEREAS, by House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, H.D. 1,
25 S.D. 1 (2006), Legislature requested the Department of Land and
26 Natural Resources to prepare a plan to identify areas where
27 feral pigs are a problem and to reduce the feral pig population;
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30 WHEREAS, any plan developed by the Department of Land and
31 Natural Resources to reduce the feral pig population should



1 include provisions to reimburse private hunters for certain
2 costs incurred in assisting the Department of Land and Natural
3 Resources to control and reduce the feral pig population; now,
4 therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
9 and Natural Resources is requested to prepare a plan or to amend
10 an existing plan to identify areas where feral pigs are a
11 problem and reduce the feral pig population by considering, but
12 not being limited to, the following:

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- 14 (1) Expanding game management areas;
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 - 16 (2) Expanding public hunting areas;
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 - 18 (3) Extending the hunting season for feral pigs from
19 seasonal to year round;
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 - 21 (4) Eliminating the bag limit on feral pigs;
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 - 23 (5) Contracting with licensed private hunters for the
24 removal of pigs, in which the Department of Land and
25 Natural Resources is requested to include:
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 - 27 (A) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for
28 mileage traveled from the licensed private
29 hunter's residence to the removal area at a rate
30 of \$0.485 per mile; and
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 - 32 (B) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for the
33 cost of one trap used by the licensed private
34 hunter to capture feral pigs; and
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 - 36 (6) Providing cash bounties to licensed hunter for each
37 feral pig capture; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
40 Natural Resources is requested to confer with the Hawaiian
41 Humane Society and hunting organizations when preparing the
42 plan; and
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S.C.R. NO. 16

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
2 Natural Resources is requested to submit the plan, along with
3 findings and recommendations, to the Legislature not later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2009; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
9 Board of Land and Natural Resources, who in turn is requested to
10 transmit copies to the appropriate hunting organizations and to
11 the President of the Hawaiian Humane Society.

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