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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT METHODS  
FOR THE CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE FERAL PIG POPULATION  
STATEWIDE.

1           WHEREAS, feral pigs are an invasive species that cause  
2 considerable damage to the environment by consuming ground-  
3 covering plants, destroying understory vegetation, churning and  
4 wallowing in the ground, causing erosion, and creating mosquito  
5 breeding grounds; and

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7           WHEREAS, feral pigs directly impact the survival of native  
8 forest birds and other species; and

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10          WHEREAS, due to their aggressive nature, feral pigs are  
11 also known to attack livestock, and transmit diseases to  
12 livestock, people, and pets; and

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14          WHEREAS, these pests have migrated in increasing numbers  
15 from state land to residential areas, causing property damage  
16 and disturbances that affect the health, safety, and welfare of  
17 area residents; and

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19          WHEREAS, in 2006, on Oahu, the Division of Forestry and  
20 Wildlife (DOFAW) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
21 (DLNR) received 12 calls per month concerning nuisance pigs; and

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23          WHEREAS, in 2007, in Hawaii County, the United States  
24 Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
25 Services, Wildlife Services Office, set up a hotline to record  
26 complaints about damages and threats from feral pigs and  
27 received over 240 calls within two months; and



1 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution (S.R.) No. 26, S.D. 1, was  
2 adopted by the Senate in 2005, requesting DLNR to collaborate  
3 with land conservation, hunting, and animal care organizations  
4 to review various methodologies for controlling non-native game  
5 animals in Hawaii's forest areas; and

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7 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution (H.C.R.) No. 98, S.D.  
8 1, was adopted in 2006, requesting DLNR to prepare a plan to  
9 reduce the statewide feral pig population; and

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11 WHEREAS, in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006, DLNR  
12 reported that DOFAW removed approximately 550 nuisance pigs on  
13 Oahu in fiscal year 2006, in response to landowner reports and:

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15 (1) Provides direct assistance to individuals affected by  
16 feral pigs by loaning traps, trapping pigs for release  
17 in game management areas, or trapping pigs for  
18 dispatch by interested hunters, where appropriate;  
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20 (2) Provides information to assist in the removal of pigs,  
21 such as by issuing a wildlife damage control permit,  
22 and contact information for individuals that will  
23 conduct removal work; and  
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25 (3) Provides information on how to obtain a hunting  
26 permit;

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30 WHEREAS, despite the preparation of the technical report  
31 reviewing the methods and approaches for controlling non-native  
32 ungulates in Hawaii in response to S.R. No. 26, S.D. 1, 2005,  
33 and recommendations to reduce the statewide feral pig population  
34 in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006, the feral pig  
35 population and the problems associated with the feral pig  
36 population continue; and

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38 WHEREAS, feral pig invasions continue to jeopardize the  
39 health, safety, and economic well-being of our communities; and

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41 WHEREAS, this problem has forced residents faced with this  
42 issue to take the situation into their own hands by entrapping  
43 the animals and employing firearms to protect their property



1 from the threat posed by the feral pigs, which raises public  
2 safety concerns; and

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4 WHEREAS, DLNR's plan to reduce the statewide feral pig  
5 population prepared in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006,  
6 states that appropriate solutions to problems with nuisance  
7 feral pigs are site specific, depending on whether the land is  
8 private or government land, a public hunting area, rural, or  
9 residential or urban where public hunting and use of firearms is  
10 prohibited; and

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12 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study on the best methods of  
13 controlling and reducing the feral pig population specific to  
14 each type of site is necessary to address this situation; and

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16 WHEREAS, DLNR's DOFAW is responsible for stewardship of  
17 forest, wildlife, and watershed resources, and is in the best  
18 position to address the concerns of these landowners who are  
19 affected by the rampaging feral pigs; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that DLNR, with the cooperation  
24 and input of various government agencies and stakeholders, is  
25 requested to conduct a comprehensive study on the most effective  
26 and efficient methods for the control and reduction of the feral  
27 pig population statewide, specific to each type of site; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in gathering input, DLNR is  
30 requested to consult with:

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32 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture;

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34 (2) Hawaii Department of Agriculture;

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36 (3) University of Hawaii-Manoa, College of Tropical  
37 Agriculture and Human Resources;

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39 (4) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;

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41 (5) County agencies;

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43 (6) Private landowners affected by the feral pig  
44 population;



1 (7) The Hawaiian Humane Society; and

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3 (8) Pig hunting organizations;

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit its  
8 findings and recommendations, including any necessary  
9 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to  
10 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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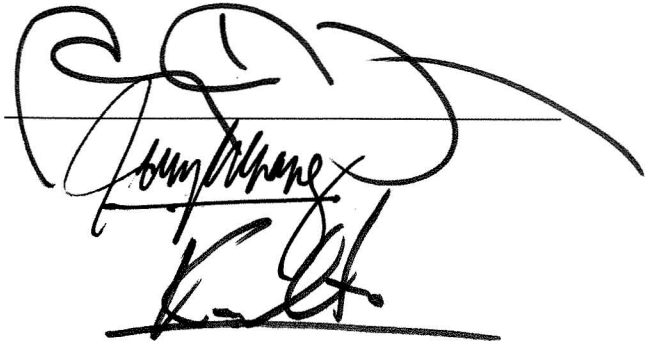
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
14 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Secretary of the United  
15 States Department of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of  
16 Agriculture, Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and  
17 Human Resources, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the  
18 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the mayor of each county, and the  
19 Executive Director of the Hawaiian Humane Society.

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OFFERED BY:

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