SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ADOPTION OF LAWS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM
THE LANDOWNER IN ORDER TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LANDS AND TO
DEFINE PLACES OF FORMAL HUNTING.

1   WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have continually experienced
2 problems, including damage and injury caused by trespassing
3 hunters, yet have no recourse against them and are defenseless
4 against claims by the trespassers for incidents on private land
5 despite the trespassers' illegal entry; and
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7   WHEREAS, poaching and agricultural theft have escalated
8 over the years and must be better controlled through proper
9 enforcement and strict sentencing; and
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11   WHEREAS, trespassing hunters also present safety issues for
12 the farmers, ranchers, their families, and workers; and
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14   WHEREAS, existing laws inadequately protect private
15 landowners from bodily injury and damage to property, livestock,
16 and crops as a result of entry onto private property by
17 trespassers engaged in hunting with firearms; and
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19   WHEREAS, private landowners are willing to work with
20 licensed hunters who often assist the landowners in controlling
21 the population of feral ungulates such as pigs, goats, and deer
22 that damage the environment; and
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24   WHEREAS, requiring written permission from private
25 landowners for hunting or other legitimate purposes is the very
26 least that should be done to address the ongoing concerns of
27 property owners relating to trespass; now, therefore,
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29   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that laws be adopted to
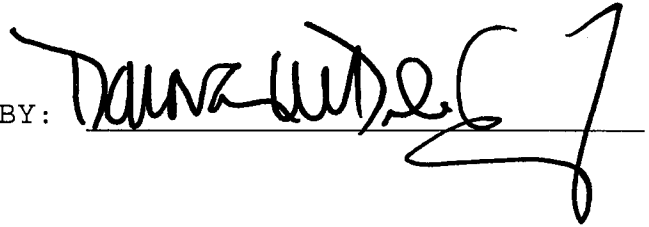
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1 require written permission from landowners in order to hunt on
2 private lands; and
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4   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such law adopted also
5 clarify areas in which hunting may be allowed by defining places
6 of formal hunting; and
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8   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
10 Board of Land and Natural Resources and Attorney General.
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