Photos submitted by Florence Tanaka to the JUD Committee in support of HB 619 and HB 15 re feeding of feral birds Hearing on Feb. 5, 2013, 2:05 pm

In a neighborhood in Pearl City, there are two families who feed feral pigeons daily. These families live nearly across from each other. The neighbor who first started this practice about 10+ years ago, will be referred to as Pigeon Feeder #1. It is believed that he let pigeons out of their coop and they now number roughly 200. The other neighbor who joined in feeding the pigeons, shall be referred to as Pigeon Feeder #2.



Picture 1

Master bedroom window of family living next to Pigeon Feeder #1. My parents were unable to open these windows for over six years due to pigeons roosting on the window frames. Prior to that, my mother had the strength to shoo the pigeons away with a scare crow which she purchased for that purpose.





Scarecrow which my mother used to shoo away pigeons.



Close up of master bedroom window of family living next to Pigeon Feeder #1.



A window of Pigeon Feeder #1's house facing my parents' home.



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Pigeons on Pigeon Feeder #1's roof and gutter waiting for 5:00 feeding time.



Pigeon droppings after parking only one hour next to Pigeon Feeder #1's house.



Pigeons on top of Pigeon Feeder #2's roof.



Closer shot of pigeons on top of Pigeon Feeder #2's roof.



Pigeons on roof next to Pigeon Feeder #2's house on right.



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Back yard covered with feathers, of neighbor living next to Pigeon Feeder #2.



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Pigeon waste at house of family next to Pigeon Feeder #2



Pigeons roosting on solar panels of house across from Pigeon Feeder #2

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Arthur and Kay Kawatachi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We had a terrible pigeon problem because two neighbors here in Pearl City were feeding pigeons daily in their front yard. The birds parked themselves on our roof and solar panels waiting for their hand-outs leaving poop. I started getting insect bites that I suspected were from bird mites. Other neighbors were unhappy also so we went and asked that pigeon feeder to cease and desist. Luckily, unlike that neighbor on the TV report last night, our neighbors did stop. However, it's taking a long time for those pigeons to understand there's no more easy food here. The bird gathering on our roof is slowly decreasing thank goodness. I feel so sorry for those other people whose neighbors refused. Please pass that law so people will stop feeding feral birds. We don't have winters here in Hawaii and birds can find food everywhere. Humans are upsetting the balance of nature and it needs to stop. P.S. I've not gotten those terrible welts from bites since the pigeon population has gone down on our roof.

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Margaret Brown	Individual		No

Comments: I live in a neighborhood that has 2 households involved in "bird rescue". One of those houses is no longer fit for habitation. The birds destroyed it and the human occupants now live in the garage. My next door neighbor has multiple chickens, pea hens, and feeds large flocks of feral pigeons and doves. This creates an incredible mess. My roof has become a roosting spot and is filthy with bird poop. It covers my solar panels. My screens are full of bird feathers and debris. This is a health hazard. It is time for the State to act. Our houses in residential suburbs are too close together for this type of activity.

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