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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI  
INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE  
ANIMALS IN KAUAI.

1           WHEREAS, invasive animals, such as pigs, goats, and deer,  
2 can have detrimental impacts on people, native species and  
3 habitats, and the environment and have been the subject of  
4 significant community concerns, including concerns about damage  
5 to personal property and effects on public resources; and  
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7           WHEREAS, species native to the State evolved on the islands  
8 in the absence of some of the world's more competitive species,  
9 such as sharp-hooved ungulates and carnivorous predators, and  
10 because island species do not have to defend themselves against  
11 such threats, they lose, or fail to evolve, the defensive  
12 mechanisms often found in their distant mainland relatives; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the introduction of non-native animals that may  
15 not be able to coexist with native species can bring competition  
16 in Hawaii's ecosystems and reduce the native species population;  
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19           WHEREAS, invasive animals can also have an effect on  
20 resources, such as the axis deer, which eat a variety of native  
21 plants and agricultural goods of the State, and whose hooves  
22 break up soil and increase erosion; and  
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24           WHEREAS, an entity is critically needed to comprehensively  
25 review, prioritize, and make recommendations for invasive  
26 animals, and develop a strategy that can be implemented  
27 statewide; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2018, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to  
32 establish a Kauai Invasive Species Task Force that will study



1 the issues and impacts of invasive animals in Kauai and  
2 recommend a comprehensive plan that addresses those issues; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the  
5 following persons to be members of the Task Force:

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7 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the  
8 Chairperson's representative who shall have knowledge  
9 of agriculture in Kauai, who is requested to serve as  
10 the Chairperson of the Task Force;  
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12 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
13 Resources, or the Chairperson's representative who  
14 shall have knowledge of Kauai's natural resources;  
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16 (3) One representative from the Planning Department of the  
17 County of Kauai;  
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19 (4) One representative from the Kauai Visitors Bureau;  
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21 (5) One representative from the Kauai Invasive Species  
22 Committee;  
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24 (6) One representative from the Kauai Humane Society;  
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26 (7) One representative from the Kauai Hunting Association;  
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28 (8) One representative from the Kauai County Farm Bureau;  
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31 (9) Other persons, as deemed appropriate by the  
32 Chairperson of the Task Force; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing its comprehensive  
35 plan, the Task Force is requested to:

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37 (1) Collect data in Kauai on who is impacted by invasive  
38 animals and what the impacts are on those affected;



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- 1 (2) Develop strategies and establish priorities in
- 2 addressing the issues raised from the collected data;
- 3 and
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- 5 (3) Pursue any options to create a value-added opportunity
- 6 in addressing invasive animals, such as using meat
- 7 from those invasive animals as a commodity; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to  
 10 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
 11 its comprehensive plan and any proposed legislation, to the  
 12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 13 the Regular Session of 2019; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 17 Agriculture; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
 18 Resources; the Director of Planning of the County of Kauai; the  
 19 Executive Director of the Kauai Visitors Bureau; the Committee  
 20 Chair of the Kauai Invasive Species Committee; the Executive  
 21 Director of the Kauai Humane Society; the Chairperson of the  
 22 Kauai Hunting Association; and the President of the Kauai Farm  
 23 Bureau.  
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