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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, invasive animals, such as pigs, goats, and deer, can have detrimental impacts on people, native species and habitats, and the environment and have been the subject of significant community concerns, including concerns about damage to personal property and effects on public resources; and

WHEREAS, species native to the State evolved on the islands in the absence of some of the world's more competitive species, such as sharp-hooved unqulates and carnivorous predators, and because island species do not have to defend themselves against such threats, they lose, or fail to evolve, the defensive mechanisms often found in their distant mainland relatives; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of non-native animals that may not be able to coexist with native species can bring competition in Hawaii's ecosystems and reduce the native species population; and

WHEREAS, invasive animals can also have an effect on resources, such as the axis deer, which eat a variety of native plants and agricultural goods of the State, and whose hooves break up soil and increase erosion; and

WHEREAS, an entity is critically needed to comprehensively review, prioritize, and make recommendations for invasive animals, and develop a strategy that can be implemented statewide; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the Department of Agriculture is requested to establish a Kauai Invasive Species Task Force that will study the issues and

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1	impacts of invasive animals in Kauai and recommend a	
2 3	comprehena	sive plan that addresses those issues; and
4	BE I	FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the
5	following	persons to be members of the Task Force:
6 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 11		the Chairperson of the Task Force;
12	(2)	The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
13		Resources, or the Chairperson's representative who
14 15		shall have knowledge of Kauai's natural resources;
16	(3)	One representative from the Planning Department of the
17		County of Kauai;
18 19	(4)	One representative from the Kauai Visitors Bureau;
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21 22	(5)	One representative from the Kauai Invasive Species Committee;
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24	(6)	One representative from the Kauai Humane Society;
25 26	(7)	One representative from the Kauai Hunting Association;
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28	(8)	One representative from the Kauai County Farm Bureau;
29 30		and
31	(9)	Other persons, as deemed appropriate by the
32		Chairperson of the Task Force; and
33 34	BE I	FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing its comprehensive
35		Task Force is requested to:
36	(1)	College data in Mauri on who is imposted by investigation
37	(_ /	Collect data in Kauai on who is impacted by invasive

animals and what the impacts are on those affected;

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(2) Develop strategies and establish priorities in addressing the issues raised from the collected data; and

(3) Pursue any options to create a value-added opportunity in addressing invasive animals, such as using meat from those invasive animals as a commodity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including its comprehensive plan and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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

OFFERED BY: MM N.M.

By Request