A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL ROOSTERS AND CHICKENS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral roosters and

2 chickens have established themselves in communities throughout

3 the State. They have become a nuisance, particularly in

4 suburban and urban residential communities. Feral roosters and

5 chickens trespass into yards and gardens, digging up plants,

6 damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native plants and

7 resources in state parks. Feral roosters crow at all times of

8 the day and night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by

9 residents throughout the State. The noticeable increase in the

10 number of these feral birds also creates a road hazard for

11 drivers who must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them. The

legislature further finds that droppings from feral roosters and

13 chickens are unsanitary and create a health concern. The birds

14 also carry diseases that threaten other animals, including

15 native Hawaiian birds.

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16 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the feral rooster and

17 chicken population by appropriating funds to the department of

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- 1 land and natural resources division of state parks to eradicate
- feral roosters and chickens on state lands. 2
- SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 3
- revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much 4
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
- 6 eradication of feral roosters and chickens on state lands.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.
- SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022. 9

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Report Title:

Feral Roosters and Chickens; Eradication; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of State Parks; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks for the eradication of feral roosters and chickens on state lands.

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