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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO FOWL.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and  
2 roosters are a persistent nuisance in urban and suburban  
3 communities throughout the State. Feral chickens and roosters  
4 trespass into yards and gardens, dig up plants, damage food  
5 crops, and jeopardize native plants. Feral roosters are also a  
6 noise nuisance, as they crow at all times of the day and night,  
7 which has led to numerous complaints throughout the State.  
8 These feral fowls also create road hazards for drivers who must  
9 suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them on roadways.

10       The legislature further finds that unsanitary droppings and  
11 aviary parasites from these birds are a health concern. Feral  
12 chickens carry diseases that threaten or kill native Hawaiian  
13 birds. There is also a risk that feral chickens will spread  
14 disease to domestic fowl and to other wild birds.

15       The purpose of this Act is to establish a five-year feral  
16 chicken eradication pilot program to eradicate feral chickens in  
17 the State.



SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department of health a five-year feral chicken eradication pilot program. The department of health shall collaborate with the department of agriculture to create a pilot program that shall:

(1) Develop humane and cost-effective methods to eradicate feral chickens in urban and suburban areas; and

(2) Collaborate with each county to eradicate feral chickens throughout the State.

(b) The department of health shall submit a special local need registration to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the use of OvoControl for the reduction of feral chicken populations in the State.

(c) The department of health shall submit to the legislature an annual report, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session, on the expenditure of funds for the feral chicken eradication pilot program and its efficacy of eradicating feral chickens in the Pearl City and Aiea neighborhoods of Oahu.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the  
2   purposes of this Act.

3           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4   health for the purposes of this Act.

5           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and  
6   shall be repealed on June 30, 2027.



**Report Title:**

Feral Chickens; Animal Control; Pilot Program; Special Local  
Need Registration; Environmental Protection Agency.  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a five-year pilot program within the Department of  
Health to eradicate feral chickens in the State. Makes an  
appropriation. Repeals 6/30/2027. (SD1)

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