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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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.



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

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

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

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

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

19       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 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, 2028.



**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Establishes a 5-year pilot program within the Department of  
Health to eradicate feral chickens in the State. Requires the  
Department of Agriculture to submit a special local need  
registration to the United States Environmental Protection  
Agency. Makes an appropriation. Repeals 6/30/2028. (SD2)

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