

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 , 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 17

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 17 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A FERAL UNGULATE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WEST HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a task force to develop a feral ungulate management plan for West Hawaii island and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2024.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Hui Aloha Kiholo; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

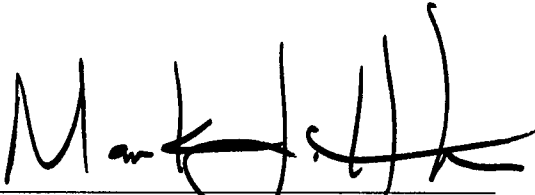
Your Committees find that the populations of feral goats and pigs in West Hawaii island have increased to sizes that cannot be sustained by the environment and that the overpopulation of feral ungulates in West Hawaii causes damage to agriculture, the environment, businesses, cultural sites, and residential areas and



creates major hazards on roadways. This measure seeks to address the rapid population growth of feral ungulates in West Hawaii in an inclusive manner, inviting a wide variety of stakeholders to the table in hopes of arriving at a comprehensive solution.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 17 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water & Land and
Agriculture,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR17	Committee Referral: WAL/AGR, JHA	Date: 3/10/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	X			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	X			
6. TODD, Chris	X			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	X			
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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