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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKEN MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of land and natural  
2 resources and department of agriculture shall collaborate on  
3 feral chicken management projects to manage feral chicken  
4 populations; mitigate the impacts of feral chickens on native  
5 habitats and ecosystems; and reduce their disturbance to  
6 indigenous species of wildlife and plants, agriculture, and  
7 communities. A secondary goal of feral chicken management shall  
8 be to generate a viable source of food to assist in feeding the  
9 State's houseless or hungry.

10           (b) Feral chicken management shall include:

11           (1) A program to encourage the beneficial use of  
12 carcasses, including retail and nonprofit options for  
13 feeding the houseless and hungry, which shall include:

14           (A) Authority and capacity for ante- and post-mortem  
15 inspections, slaughtering, and processing of  
16 feral chickens; and



1 (B) Best management practices for the safe handling  
2 of a carcass from the time the feral chicken is  
3 caught to the time it is processed;

4 (2) Funding mechanisms to support feral chicken  
5 management, including:

6 (A) Sources of seed money to develop and initiate  
7 programs;

8 (B) Public-private partnerships to reduce reliance on  
9 public funds;

10 (C) Hunting fees, sales to local farms, and other  
11 cost recovery methods to subsidize costs; and

12 (D) Potential public and private grant funding to  
13 facilitate implementation, such as Clean Water  
14 Act funding to assist with practices to reduce  
15 reef sedimentation;

16 (3) Programs to incentivize the live and humane capture of  
17 feral chickens, such as a feral chicken redemption  
18 center or live capture rewards for adult chickens;

19 (4) Mechanisms to minimize diseased feral chickens; and



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1 (5) Any other matters deemed appropriate by the department  
2 of land and natural resources and department of  
3 agriculture.

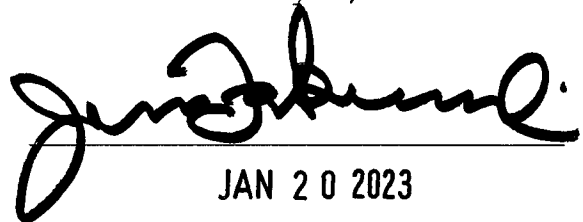
4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
8 year 2024-2025 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
9 natural resources management specialist position related to  
10 feral chicken management.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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**Report Title:**

Feral Chicken Management; DLNR; DOA; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the department of land and natural resources and department of agriculture to collaborate on feral chicken management projects. Appropriates funds.

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