
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL, IN COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND COUNTY OF HAWAII, TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO MITIGATE AND CONTROL THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE POPULATION OF FERAL CHICKENS.

1 WHEREAS, feral chickens have become a persistent nuisance,
2 particularly in suburban and urban residential communities; and
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4 WHEREAS, feral chickens wander into yards and gardens,
5 digging up plants, damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native
6 plants and resources; and
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8 WHEREAS, feral roosters crow at all times of the day and
9 night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by residents
10 throughout the State; and
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12 WHEREAS, droppings from feral chickens are unsanitary and
13 create a health hazard; and
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15 WHEREAS, feral chickens and birds also carry diseases that
16 threaten other animals, including native birds; and
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18 WHEREAS, the noticeable increase in the number of feral
19 chickens and birds also creates a road hazard for drivers who
20 must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them; and
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22 WHEREAS, to protect Hawaii's ecosystem, natural resources,
23 and the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that
24 the State work together with the counties and the affected
25 communities, including hunters, farmers, and natural resource
26 managers, to identify and implement collaborative solutions to
27 control the significant increase in the population of feral
28 chickens and pigs; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2023, that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, in
4 coordination and collaboration with the City and County of
5 Honolulu and County of Hawaii, is requested to establish and
6 implement a five-year pilot program to mitigate and control the
7 significant increase in the population of feral chickens; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the five-year pilot program is
10 requested to include the provision of free traps to members of
11 the public to capture the feral animals, collection of traps
12 containing the captured feral animals, and return of empty traps
13 to the members of the public; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the five-year pilot program is
16 requested to begin in the areas of Moanalua, Kalihi, Kalaeloa,
17 and Kapolei in the City and County of Honolulu and the Puna area
18 in the County of Hawaii; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Invasive Species
21 Council is requested to submit an interim report regarding the
22 five-year pilot program to the Legislature no later than twenty
23 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026, and
24 a final report to the Legislature no later than twenty days
25 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2028; provided
26 that the reports are requested to include:
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28 (1) Findings and recommendations relating to the five-year
29 pilot program's efficacy in mitigating and controlling
30 the significant increase in the population of feral
31 chickens, including any proposed legislation; and
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33 (2) A recommendation on whether the five-year pilot
34 program should be extended or expanded into other
35 areas of the State; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Co-Chairpersons of the Hawaii
39 Invasive Species Council, Mayor of the City and County of
40 Honolulu, and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

