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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL ROOSTERS AND CHICKENS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral roosters and
2 chickens have established themselves in communities throughout
3 the State. They have become a nuisance, particularly in
4 suburban and urban residential communities. Feral roosters and
5 chickens wander into yards and gardens, digging up plants,
6 damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native plants and
7 resources in state parks. Feral roosters crow at all times of
8 the day and night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by
9 residents throughout the State. The noticeable increase in the
10 number of these feral birds also creates a road hazard for
11 drivers who must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them. The
12 legislature further finds that droppings from feral roosters and
13 chickens are unsanitary and create a health concern. The birds
14 also carry diseases that threaten other animals, including
15 Native Hawaiian birds.

16 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the feral rooster and
17 chicken population by appropriating funds to the department of



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1 land and natural resources' division of state parks to manage
2 feral roosters and chickens on state lands.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2024-2025 for the management of feral roosters and chickens on
8 state lands.

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Feral Roosters and Chickens; Management; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of State Parks; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of State Parks for the management of feral roosters and chickens on state lands.

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