
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; department of agriculture; the city and county of
3 Honolulu; and the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai shall
4 collaborate on feral chicken management projects to:
- 5 (1) Manage feral chicken populations;
 - 6 (2) Mitigate the impacts of feral chickens on native
7 habitats and ecosystems; and
 - 8 (3) Reduce feral chickens' disturbance to indigenous
9 species of wildlife and plants, agriculture, and
10 communities.
- 11 (b) Feral chicken management shall include:
- 12 (1) A program to encourage the beneficial use of
13 carcasses, including retail and nonprofit options for
14 feeding the houseless and hungry, which shall include:
 - 15 (A) Authority and capacity for ante- and post-mortem
16 inspections, slaughtering, and processing of
17 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



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 2024-2025 to
7 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) natural resources
8 management specialist position related to feral chicken
9 management.

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

12 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
13 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
15 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
16 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
17 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
18 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
19 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
20 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
21 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these



1 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
2 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
3 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
4 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 5 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
6 serve the public interest; and
- 7 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
8 addressed by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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H.B. NO. 2046

Report Title:

Feral Chicken Management; DLNR; DOA; Counties; Appropriation;
Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
Department of Agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral
chicken management projects. Appropriates funds.

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