
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the rose-ringed
2 parakeet is an invasive bird that adversely affects agricultural
3 production on Kauai and Oahu. Rose-ringed parakeets are
4 herbivores that feed mainly on fruits and grains, such as
5 lychee, mango, papaya, longan, corn, and other citrus products.
6 Their large flocks and voracious appetites cause damage to
7 valuable food crops.

8 The legislature further finds that rose-ringed parakeets
9 harm native ecosystems by spreading invasive seeds, displacing
10 native birds, and spreading avian disease. Their roosting
11 behavior, loud calls, and accumulated droppings are detrimental
12 to local communities and resort destinations.

13 The legislature also finds that in 2021, the population of
14 rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai was twelve thousand five hundred,
15 with projections for exponential growth in their numbers.

16 The legislature additionally finds that based on studies
17 completed by the United States Department of Agriculture's



1 National Wildlife Research Center in 2023, roost culling is the
2 most effective method to remove large numbers of rose-ringed
3 parakeets. Since 2020, the county of Kauai has periodically
4 culled rose-ringed parakeets successfully at known roosting
5 areas.

6 Furthermore, the legislature finds that a sustained,
7 year-long pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed
8 parakeets by roost culling is needed to provide relief to Kauai
9 and Oahu farmers, enhance visitor destinations, and reduce
10 public-health concerns. The Kauai rose-ringed parakeet working
11 group will take the research conducted to implement culling
12 outside of nesting season, use thermal imaging to reduce roost
13 abandonment, and implement a new web-based survey that includes
14 a mapping component so that community members can report their
15 observations of rose-ringed parakeets.

16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
17 to establish a one-year pilot program to reduce the population
18 of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai and Oahu using past research
19 and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for a
2 one-year pilot program under the native resources and fire
3 protection program (LNR402) to reduce the population of invasive
4 rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai and Oahu using past research and
5 on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies.

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

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



1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000, and
6 shall be repealed on June 30, 2025.



Report Title:

Rose-ringed Parakeets; Pilot Program; Kauai; Oahu;
Appropriation; General Fund; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling
Exceeded

Description:

Establishes a 1-year pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai and Oahu using past research and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies. Appropriates funds. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Sunsets 6/30/2025. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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