
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 A secondary goal of feral chicken management shall be to
12 generate a viable source of food to assist in feeding the
13 State's houseless or hungry.

14 (b) Feral chicken management shall include:

- 15 (1) A program to encourage the beneficial use of
16 carcasses, including retail and nonprofit options for
17 feeding the houseless and hungry, which shall include:



1 (A) Authority and capacity for ante- and post-mortem
2 inspections, slaughtering, and processing of
3 feral chickens; and

4 (B) Best management practices for the safe handling
5 of a carcass from the time the feral chicken is
6 caught to the time it is processed;

7 (2) Funding mechanisms to support feral chicken
8 management, including:

9 (A) Sources of seed money to develop and initiate
10 programs;

11 (B) Public-private partnerships to reduce reliance on
12 public funds;

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

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

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



- 1 (4) Mechanisms to minimize diseased feral chickens; and
- 2 (5) Any other matters deemed appropriate by the department
- 3 of land and natural resources and department of
- 4 agriculture.

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

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.
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Report Title:

Feral Chicken Management; DLNR; DOA; Counties; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of land and natural resources, department of agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral chicken management projects. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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