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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and  
2 roosters have become a persistent nuisance, particularly in  
3 suburban and urban residential communities. Feral chickens and  
4 roosters wander into yards and gardens, digging up plants,  
5 damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native plants and  
6 resources. Feral roosters crow at all times of the day and  
7 night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by residents  
8 throughout the State, and droppings from feral chickens are  
9 unsanitary and create a health concern.

10           The legislature further finds that feral chickens and  
11 roosters also carry diseases that threaten other animals,  
12 including native birds, and a noticeable increase in the number  
13 of feral chickens and roosters also creates a road hazard for  
14 drivers who must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them. The  
15 legislature further finds that residents and visitors need  
16 better education to not exacerbate this problem by feeding feral  
17 animals, which leads to further congregation and growth of the  
18 nuisance. To protect Hawaii's ecosystem and natural resources



1 and the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that  
2 the State work together with the counties to identify and  
3 implement collaborative solutions to control the significant  
4 increase in the population of feral chickens and roosters.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

6 (1) Require the department of agriculture to work with  
7 each county to implement feral chicken control  
8 programs and feeding of feral animals education  
9 campaigns; and

10 (2) Require each county to match the funds expended by the  
11 department of agriculture for the implementation of  
12 the feral chicken control program and feeding of feral  
13 animals education campaign in that county.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall work  
15 with each county to implement feral chicken control programs and  
16 feeding of feral animals education campaigns in each county.

17 (b) Each county shall provide one hundred per cent of  
18 matching funds for the amount of funds expended by the  
19 department of agriculture for the implementation of the feral  
20 chicken control program and feeding of feral animal education  
21 campaign in that county.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

DOA; Counties; Feral Chickens; Feral Animals; Control Program;  
Education Campaign

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Agriculture to work with each county to implement feral chicken control programs and feeding of feral animals education campaign. Requires each county to match the funds expended by the Department of Agriculture for the implementation of the feral chicken control program and feeding of feral animals education campaign in that county. (CD1)

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