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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL ANIMALS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral animals are a
- 2 persistent nuisance in urban and suburban communities throughout
- 3 the State. Feral animals create nuisances by foraging in
- 4 residential areas, entering into yards and gardens, and digging
- 5 up plants, posing health concerns with their waste. Unsanitary
- 6 droppings and parasites from feral animals are a health and
- 7 safety concern for students at department of education schools.
- 8 Establishing a prohibition on the feeding of feral animals will
- 9 create a safer community around department of education school
- 10 campuses and protect Hawaii's keiki from infectious diseases.
- 11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit the
- 12 feeding of feral animals within a certain distance from
- 13 department of education public school campuses.
- 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by adding a new section to part VI, subpart A, to be
- 16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

1	"§302A- Feeding of feral animals; public school
2	campuses; prohibited. (a) No person shall knowingly feed or
3	attempt to feed any feral animal within feet of a public
4	school campus.
5	(b) A person who violates this section shall pay a
6	\$ civil fine for each feral animal the person fed or
7	attempted to feed.
8	(c) For the purposes of this section, "feral animal" means
9	an animal that has escaped or been released from domestication
10	and is living in a wild and unconfined state."
11	SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
12	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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	INTRODUCED BY:

S.B. NO. 2114

Report Title:

DOE; Feral Animals; Feeding; Prohibition; Fines

Description:

Prohibits the feeding of feral animals within a certain distance from Department of Education public school campuses. Establishes fines.

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