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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB2892  
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS**

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Hearing Date, Time, and Room Number: 02/03/2026, 3:01 pm; 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department offers comments.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Health Services Division ("EHSD"), Vector Control  
4 Branch ("VCB") provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department:

5 SB2892 appropriates funds for each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens  
6 that have already been caught.

7 The Department acknowledges the need for control of feral chickens and supports the  
8 respective county agencies implementing feral animal control programs. A reduction in feral  
9 chicken populations may reduce the potential for feral chickens to transmit avian malaria, avian  
10 influenza, avian pox, and other diseases which may be harmful to both public and  
11 environmental health. However, the current language suggests that the appropriation is limited  
12 to use on feral chickens already captured. The Department suggests expanding the allowable  
13 use of the funds for broader feral chicken control as well as control of other feral animals  
14 impacting public or environmental health.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

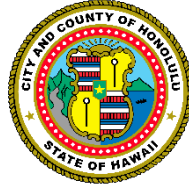
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February 2, 2026

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs:

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2892 - Relating To Feral Chickens  
HEARING: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 3:01 p.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), appreciates the opportunity to testify in **support** of S.B. No. 2892, which would appropriate funds to the counties for fiscal year 2026-2027 to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught. CSD administers the City and County of Honolulu's (the "City") two master agreements for feral chicken mitigation services. The first master agreement provides for capture and disposal services for feral chickens situated on City property across O'ahu. Under the second master agreement, private landowners may retain the City's vendor directly for certain subsidized feral chicken capture services, including cage rentals and disposal services.

Feral chickens have become a persistent and growing nuisance in many communities, particularly in residential areas. Complaints commonly involve excessive noise, sanitation concerns, attraction of other pests, and impacts to quality of life. Counties regularly receive service requests related to feral chickens, yet lack consistent resources to manage collection, transport, and disposal efforts once animals have been captured.

This measure provides targeted and practical support by allocating funding directly to counties to address the downstream costs associated with collection activities that are already occurring. By focusing on feral chickens that have already been caught, S.B. No. 2892 supports humane, efficient, and coordinated management efforts without expanding enforcement authority or creating new regulatory burdens.

Dedicated funding will allow counties to better coordinate logistics, support contracted services where appropriate, and respond more effectively to community concerns. Consistent resources are critical to ensuring that existing feral chicken management efforts remain sustainable and responsive.

For these reasons, CSD supports S.B. No. 2892 and appreciates the Legislature's consideration of this measure to assist counties in addressing an ongoing public nuisance issue in a practical and fiscally responsible manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 2892.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY ON SB 2892**  
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference  
3:01 PM

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports SB 2892**, which appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught.

Feral chickens remain a persistent issue across the state, particularly in agricultural areas, where they damage crops, spread weeds, attract pests, and pose public health and safety concerns. HFB has consistently supported reasonable and practical efforts to manage feral chicken populations in ways that protect agriculture, communities, and the environment.

SB 2892 takes a targeted and practical approach by providing counties with resources to address an existing problem without imposing new regulatory requirements on farmers, landowners, or the public. Supporting county-level capacity to handle captured feral chickens helps ensure that ongoing control efforts are effective and appropriately managed.

HFB appreciates the Legislature's continued attention to feral animal management and respectfully urges your support for SB 2892.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.