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**TO:** Representative Chris Todd, Chair  
Representative Jenna Takenouchi Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor  
Rogerene Arce, Director of Agriculture

**DATE:** March 31, 2026

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SB2892 SD1 HD1, RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure.

SB2892 Appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the collection of feral chickens that have already been caught. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

We **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

**1. Protects farmland from feral chicken damage**

Feral chickens dig up and eat seedlings reducing crop-yields, destabilize soil that may lead to erosion and is picked up in the airstream removing topsoil. They are a potential carrier and spreader of Avian Flu disease which has already been documented in Maui and is transmittable to humans, impacting small farms across Maui County. SB2892's funding for county collection services will help fund County level programs but only on County lands which the County has oversight on and by the County integrating education through community outreach will help to safeguard agricultural productivity.

**2. Reduces public safety risks for rural communities**

Feral chickens create hazards by scratching soil surfaces making them a hazard to foot traffic because of the unstable ground in farm areas and public spaces, posing risks to workers and visitors. Feral populations exacerbate contamination on both farms and in public spaces with their feces and mites they may carry on their bodies, increasing indirect exposure to humans through touching and handling of surfaces, soil or water. The bill enables efficient removal trapping and removing chickens, allowing farms to maintain safe operations.

3. **Supports sustainable agriculture through targeted aid**

By appropriating funds for disposal and collection to Counties, SB2892 will support county level programs that may cover beyond County lands reaching farming neighborhoods and local non-farming communities to manage this invasive species humanely and free up resources for food production.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

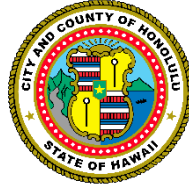
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April 1, 2026

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair  
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2892, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 - Relating To Feral Chickens  
HEARING: Thursday, April 2, 2026, 2:00 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, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which would appropriate funds to the counties for fiscal year 2026-2027 to facilitate the receipt, handling and humane disposition 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 facilitating the receipt, handling, and humane disposition of feral chickens that have already been caught, S.B. No. 2892, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 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, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 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, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,

*for* Kimberly M. Hashiro  
Director

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Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

The Hawai'i Farmers Union is a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 2,500 family farmers and their supporters across the Hawaiian Islands. **HFU supports SB2892.**

Feral chicken populations are a persistent and growing nuisance for farmers and ranchers across the state. Our members experience crop damage from feral flocks, including destruction of seedlings, scratching out of planted beds, and contamination of produce areas. Farmers should not bear the full burden of managing a wildlife problem that affects public health, tourism, and food production alike. By funding the logistical step of actually removing chickens that community members have already trapped, this bill addresses a practical gap that has long frustrated producers who invest their own time and resources in population control efforts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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April 2, 2026

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2892, SD1  
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS**

Conference Room 308 & Videoconference  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, 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, SD1, HD1**, which appropriates funds to each county to facilitate the receipt, handling, and humane disposition 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, SD1, HD1 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, SD1, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**SB-2892-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 11:33:34 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jean Simon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I highly support this bill. I live in Wailae Gardens (Hunakai and Kilauea) and we are plagued by feral chickens. In fact, a rooster has been crowing under my bedroom window every morning for the past several weeks and it's annoying, to say the least. The chickens scratch the dirt all over the sidewalks, creating a mess and complaints from people who live here, creating more work for our staff. The resident manager has been trying to trap the chickens, but without much luck. When the chickens are trapped, then we have to deal with what to do with them.

All in all it's a mess!!!

Yes, let's please address the feral chicken problem. Preferably before they start transmitting bird flu to us all.

Mahalo,

Jean Simon

**SB-2892-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 3:02:44 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill.

Having read all the testimony, I wish to express my agreement and support.

Please fund and pass this bill.

Thank you.

Marcella Alohalani Boido, .M. A.

Moili'ili, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Chris Todd, Chair  
Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

HEARING:

Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 pm, Conference Room 308 and Via Videoconference

TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 2892, SD1, HD1 - RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, Rep. Miyake for my district, Rep. Yamashita of Maui, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christine Andrews, and I am a long-term resident of Wailuku, Maui, and an attorney licensed in the state of Hawai'i for over 25 years. I write to you today in **strong support of SB 2892, SD1, HD1**, which appropriates funds to each county for the receipt, handling, and humane disposition of feral chickens that have already been caught.

Please help me. When I first moved to Wailuku, Maui from Honolulu in 1997, the disruption caused by the presence of feral chickens near where I was living in Wailuku Town was so severe that I had to change housing. In 2013, my family lived briefly back in Wailuku Town when a chicken roosting in a neighbor's tree **pooped** on my daughter's head while we walked on the sidewalk beneath the tree. When I looked up into the tree there must have been ten or more. After checking with my neighbor, I put out three traps and spent several weeks trapping chickens and taking them to the Maui Humane Society. I trapped over twenty over the course of three weeks. Ultimately, due to the disruption caused by the feral chickens, crowing night and day and digging up our yard, we changed housing.

I currently live in Wailuku Heights, a neighborhood about one mile uphill from Wailuku Town, on the hillside of the West Maui Mountains. The Community Covenants and Restrictions in this neighborhood forbid livestock, including poultry. Over the 23 years I have lived in Wailuku Heights, we had never had feral chickens up here. A couple of years ago, I noticed that feral chickens were now in my neighborhood in Wailuku Heights, living in a gulch and neighbor's yard across from me. I talked to my neighbors and they, too, were upset by the feral chickens, and told me that one neighbor had brought them into the neighborhood in violation of association rules and released them into the gulch. They complained that another neighbor was feeding them.

I complained to the Wailuku Height Community Association Board, and they wrote the offending neighbors Letters of Violation, but the women keep feeding the chickens unabated to this day. I wish there was a criminal offense to make them stop doing what they are doing, feeding a flock of feral chickens that invades the properties of others who bought homes in this neighborhood because livestock and chickens are prohibited.

In January of last year, feral chickens were digging up my yard and waking me up at 3 am every day. Several times I have been in a Zoom meeting and other participants have commented on the noise of roosters crowing in the background. I spent a full day in January, 2025 calling around trying to figure out solutions to get rid of the feral chickens entering my yard. Maui Humane Society no longer accepts feral chickens. The Maui Police Department and Hawaii State Department of Health had no solutions. I called around pest control services. They could not help either. A neighbor offered to help dispose of them unlawfully and a friend offered to use a crossbow to remedy the situation. I refused but this is what happens when people without lawful recourse feel like they have no alternatives.

Finally, in June, 2025, a friend Upcountry posted about hiring a new company to remove feral chickens on her property. I hired this company, at my own expense, to lay traps on public property in the gulch to trap the chickens. In the first week, at a cost of \$500, over 20 chickens were trapped. But not all of them, because the

neighbor feeding them gave the feral chickens little incentive to go into the gulch. Overall, **I spent \$1,500 to pay a professional to trap and dispose lawfully of feral chickens.** Over 30 chickens were trapped. It has helped the problem, but that was a very expensive undertaking for me to remedy the situation of a neighbor violating our Association rules and creating a nuisance by feeding chickens.

**I strongly support any legislation that helps people like me not have to live with the destruction, droppings and nuisance of feral chickens. I strongly support SB 2892, SD1, HD1,** because it provides an alternative for people like me to be able to humanely dispose of feral chickens we trap on our properties. If I want to remove feral chickens on my property, I currently have nowhere to take them and no legal means of disposing of them. The trapper I hired to trap chickens offered to take any I trapped for \$100 per bird! I am grateful for this new business on Maui where the trapper comes and removes chickens, but I have spent an unreasonable amount of my own funds to try to remedy a problem caused by the careless and disrespectful behavior of my neighbors. Please pass **SB 2892, SD1, HD1** so that I can trap feral chickens on my property and arrange for their lawful, humane disposition.

**I strongly support SB 2892, SD1, HD1** as a much-needed solution for property owners like me, who feel they have no lawful recourse without it. Thank you SO MUCH for hearing this bill and working towards a solution to our feral chicken problem.

Mahalo,

Christine Andrews  
Wailuku, Maui

**SB-2892-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 9:01:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Streitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill because it addresses a major problem with the current feral chicken programs on Oahu. Funding has not been allocated to allow 100% free drop-off of caught chickens to be handled by a company, like Humane Society did many years ago. The only way to get this problem under control is to help enable residents to do it themselves without fear of any legal problems, and then also have a proper place to dispose of the chickens.

**SB-2892-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 9:11:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

The state seems to fluctuate between chickens and cats! Often described as nuisances. How do you legislate this?

HB2561 was deferred, the other chicken bill. We have two issues with the solution being humane disposal. Is that really a phrase?

Here is how the state will resolve this, give each county money.

Bounty hunters! Where will they be received, handled and disposed of?. I guess you give the counties an allowance to do it their way.

Maybe this money can better be used by helping those affected by the Kona Lows.

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to facilitate the receipt, handling, and humane disposition of feral chickens that have already been caught. The appropriation shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the city and county of Honolulu;
- (2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the county of Hawaii;
- (3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the county of Kauai; and
- (4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the county of Maui.

Really? Fraud, waste and abuse!

**SB-2892-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 11:23:57 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/2/2026 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kalae Correa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The feral chicken problem has gotten out of control in our communities. Residents don't have an effective or legal way to manage them, and volunteer efforts aren't enough to keep up. We need this bill to give us a solution so neighborhoods can address the issue.