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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2892 SD1
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date, Time, and Room Number: 3/04/2026, 10:31 AM, CR 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health (“Department”) requests that this measure be
2 considered as a vehicle to provide this needed funding so long as it does not supplant the
3 priorities and requests outlined in the Governor’s executive budget request.

4 **Department Position:** The Department offers **support** for SB2892 SD1.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Health Services Division (“EHSD”), Vector Control
6 Branch (“VCB”) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department:

7 SB2892 SD1 appropriates funds for each county to facilitate the collection of feral
8 chickens that have already been caught.

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

1 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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



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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 2892, SD1
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
10:31 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, 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, 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, SD1 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Ways and Means:

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 2892, S.D. 1 - Relating To Feral Chickens
HEARING: Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 10:31 a.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, 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.

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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, S.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 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kimberly M. Hashiro
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