
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
ASSIST IN MANAGING THE FERAL PIG POPULATION IN THE TANTALUS
AND MANOA AREA.

1 WHEREAS, feral pigs are an invasive species that cause
2 considerable damage to the environment by: consuming ground-
3 cover plants; destroying understory vegetation; churning and
4 wallowing in the ground, causing erosion; and creating mosquito
5 breeding areas; and

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7 WHEREAS, feral pigs also impact the survival of native
8 forest birds and other species; and

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10 WHEREAS, these pests are recurrent problems in
11 neighborhoods in the Tantalus, Manoa, and other residential
12 areas causing property damage and disturbances that affect the
13 health, safety, and welfare of area residents; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
16 (DLNR) has the duty and responsibility under section 171-3,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to "manage and administer ... forests,
18 forest reserves, ... public hunting areas, [and] natural area
19 reserves ..."; and

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21 WHEREAS, many areas in which feral pigs are a problem are
22 on private or DLNR-managed lands that are not normally open to
23 hunting due to conflicts with other public uses and public
24 safety reasons; and

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26 WHEREAS, DLNR has expertise in managing feral pigs on
27 public lands, and in facilitating management and control of pigs
28 on private lands; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that DLNR is requested to assist



1 in managing the feral pig population in the Tantalus and Manoa
2 area; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to use its
5 authority under section 13-123-4; Hawaii Administrative Rules
6 (HAR) to adjust hunting seasons, including, but limited to:

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8 (1) Identifying areas where feral pigs are a problem;

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10 (2) Meeting with community groups to assess the needs and
11 developing public support for feral pig control in
12 public areas;

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14 (3) Implementing special hunts in problem areas after
15 consultation with community members to ensure public
16 safety and support; and

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18 (4) Authorizing, under section 13-123-4, HAR, the removal
19 of feral pigs by private hunters using dogs, spears,
20 knives, snares, and traps, particularly near
21 residential areas;

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit its
26 findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than
27 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007;
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
32 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

