
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
PREPARE A PLAN TO REDUCE THE STATEWIDE FERAL PIG
POPULATION.

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

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

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10 WHEREAS, these pests have migrated in increasing numbers
11 from state land to residential areas causing property damage and
12 disturbances that affect the health, safety, and welfare of area
13 residents; and

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

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21 WHEREAS, it appears that the most common method of
22 controlling feral pig populations has been by scheduled hunting
23 seasons sanctioned by the Department of Land and Natural
24 Resources; and

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26 WHEREAS, ironically, despite the increase and the
27 environmental damage caused by feral pigs near residential areas
28 such as Manoa and Tantalus, the Department of Land and Natural
29 Resources has shortened the hunting season, allowing feral pigs
30 to maintain their numbers; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
4 and Natural Resources is requested to prepare a plan to identify
5 areas where feral pigs are a problem and reduce the feral pig
6 population by considering, but not being limited to, the
7 following:

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9 (1) Expanding game management areas;
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11 (2) Expanding public hunting areas;
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13 (3) Extending the hunting season for feral pigs from
14 seasonal to year round;
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16 (4) Eliminating the bag limit on feral pigs;
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18 (5) Contracting with private hunters for the removal of
19 feral pigs; and
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21 (6) Providing cash bounties to licensed hunters for each
22 feral pig captured; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
25 Natural Resources is requested to confer with the Hawaiian
26 Humane Society and hunting organizations when preparing the
27 plan; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
30 Natural Resources is requested to submit the plan, along with
31 findings and recommendations, to the Legislature not later than
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
33 2007; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaiian Humane
37 Society and to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
38 Resources for transmission to the appropriate hunting
39 organizations.

