

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3688

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 98
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 98, H.D. 1, entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the feral pig population in the Tantalus area.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by replacing its contents with S.C.R. No. 56, S.D.1, which expands the scope of the plan to cover the entire State rather than just the Tantalus and Manoa areas.

Your Committee finds that feral pigs are an invasive species that cause considerable damage to the environment. They have migrated in increasing numbers from state land to neighborhoods and other residential areas causing property damage and disturbances. This measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prepare a plan to reduce the feral pig population statewide.

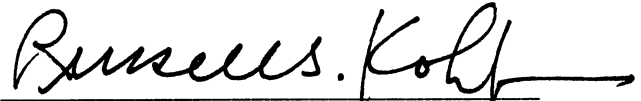
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Your Committee notes testimony from the Department of Land and Natural Resources acknowledging that steps need to be taken to control the feral pig populations statewide; however, the department recommends that the pig population management should primarily be focused near urban areas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 98, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 98, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>HCR 98 HDX</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WLA</i>	Date: <i>4/12/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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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.

