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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
PREPARE A PLAN TO REDUCE THE FERAL PIG POPULATION IN THE  
TANTALUS 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 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 neighborhoods in the Tantalus and other  
12 residential areas causing property damage and disturbances that  
13 affect the health, safety, and welfare of area 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 reserves  
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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 in the Tantalus area,  
28 the Department of Land and Natural Resources has shortened the  
29 hunting season, thereby allowing feral pigs to maintain their  
30 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) Lengthening the hunting season for feral pigs;
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  - 15 (4) Eliminating the bag limit on feral pigs; and
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  - 17 (5) Contracting with private hunters for the removal of  
18 feral pigs by the use of snares and traps,  
19 particularly near residential areas; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
22 Natural Resources is requested to submit the plan, along with  
23 findings and recommendations, to the Legislature not later than  
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
25 2007; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
29 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY:                     *Carol Furumasa*                    

