
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL PIGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral pigs are an
2 invasive species that cause considerable damage to the
3 environment by consuming ground-cover plants; destroying
4 understory vegetation; churning and wallowing in the ground
5 causing erosion, and creating mosquito breeding areas. Feral
6 pigs also directly impact the survival of native forest birds
7 and other species. Feral pigs have migrated in increasing
8 numbers from state land to residential areas, causing property
9 damage and disturbances that affect the health, safety, and
10 welfare of area residents.

11 The department of land and natural resources has the duty
12 and responsibility under section 171-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
13 to "manage and administer...forests, forest reserves,...public
14 hunting areas, [and] natural area reserves." The most common
15 method of controlling feral pig populations has been by
16 scheduled hunting sessions sanctioned by the department of land
17 and natural resources. Ironically, despite the increase and the
18 environmental damage caused by feral pigs near residential areas



1 such as Manoa and Tantalus, the department of land and natural
2 resources has shortened the length of the feral pig hunting
3 season, allowing feral pigs to maintain their population size.

4 In 2006, the legislature adopted House Concurrent
5 Resolution No. 98, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which requested the
6 department of land and natural resources to submit to the 2007
7 legislature, a plan, including findings and recommendations, to
8 identify areas where feral pigs were a problem and to reduce the
9 feral pig population.

10 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of land
11 and natural resources to implement the plan to identify and
12 reduce problem feral pig populations as requested pursuant to
13 House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, by the
14 legislature in 2006 by establishing and maintaining a temporary
15 pilot program to identify and reduce the feral pig population
16 and the resulting damage and disturbance to public health,
17 safety, and welfare.

18 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
19 shall establish, implement, and maintain a pilot program to
20 identify and reduce problem feral pig populations pursuant to
21 the plan requested in House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, S.D.
22 1, H.D. 1, by the legislature in 2006. In establishing and



1 implementing the pilot program, the department shall include the
2 following considerations:

- 3 (1) Expanding game management areas;
- 4 (2) Expanding public hunting areas;
- 5 (3) Extending the hunting season for feral pigs from
6 seasonal to year round;
- 7 (4) Eliminating the bag limit on feral pigs;
- 8 (5) Contracting with licensed private hunters for the
9 removal of pigs, which shall include:
 - 10 (A) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for
11 mileage traveled from the licensed private
12 hunter's residence to the removal area at a rate
13 of 48.5 cents per mile; and
 - 14 (B) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for the
15 cost of one trap used by the licensed private
16 hunter to capture feral pigs; and
- 17 (6) Providing cash bounties to licensed hunter for each
18 feral pig captured.

19 SECTION 3. The pilot program established, implemented, and
20 maintained by the department of land and natural resources to
21 identify and reduce the feral pig population and the resulting



1 damage and disturbance to public health, safety, and welfare
2 shall terminate on June 30, 2010.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Directs the department of land and natural resources to establish, implement, and maintain a pilot program to identify and reduce problem feral pig populations. Program terminates on June 30, 2010.

