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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2006, the  
2 Legislature adopted House Resolution No. 98, H.D. 2, S.D. 1  
3 (2006), which acknowledged that feral pigs are an invasive  
4 species that damage the environment and threaten the survival of  
5 native forests birds and other species; and

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7           WHEREAS, the migration of feral pigs from state land to  
8 residential areas has caused property damage and disturbances  
9 that effect the health, safety, and welfare of area residents;  
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12           WHEREAS, in connection with its duty to manage and  
13 administer forests, forest reserves, public hunting areas, and  
14 natural areas, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has  
15 attempted to control feral pig populations by scheduled hunting  
16 seasons; and

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18           WHEREAS, despite an increase in the feral pig population  
19 and the corresponding environmental damage in residential areas  
20 such as Manoa and Tantalus, the Department of Land and Natural  
21 Resources has shortened the feral pig hunting season, allowing  
22 the population to remain steady, if not increase; and

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24           WHEREAS, by House Resolution No. 98, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (2006),  
25 Legislature requested the Department of Land and Natural  
26 Resources to prepare a plan to identify areas where feral pigs  
27 are a problem and to reduce the feral pig population; and

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29           WHEREAS, any plan developed by the Department of Land and  
30 Natural Resources to reduce the feral pig population should  
31 include provisions to reimburse private hunters for certain  
32 costs incurred in assisting the Department of Land and Natural  
33 Resources to control and reduce the feral pig population; now,  
34 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
4 Session of 2008, that the Department of Land and Natural  
5 Resources is requested to prepare a plan or to amend an existing  
6 plan to identify areas where feral pigs are a problem and reduce  
7 the feral pig population by considering, but not being limited  
8 to, the following:  
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- 10 (1) Expanding game management areas;  
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12 (2) Expanding public hunting areas;  
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14 (3) Extending the hunting season for feral pigs from  
15 seasonal to year round;  
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17 (4) Eliminating the bag limit on feral pigs;  
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19 (5) Contracting with licensed private hunters for the  
20 removal of pigs, in which the Department of Land and  
21 Natural Resources is requested to include:  
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23 (A) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for  
24 mileage traveled from the licensed private  
25 hunter's residence to the removal area at a rate  
26 of \$0.485 per mile; and  
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28 (B) Reimbursement to licensed private hunters for the  
29 cost of one trap used by the licensed private  
30 hunter to capture feral pigs; and  
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32 (6) Providing cash bounties to licensed hunter for each  
33 feral pig capture; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
36 Natural Resources is requested to confer with the Hawaiian  
37 Humane Society and hunting organizations when preparing the  
38 plan; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
41 Natural Resources is requested to submit the plan, along with  
42 findings and recommendations, to the Legislature not later than  
43 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
44 2009; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
4 Land and Natural Resources, who in turn is requested to transmit  
5 copies to the appropriate hunting organizations and to the  
6 President of the Hawaiian Humane Society.  
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