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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND  
HUMANE METHODS FOR THE CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE FERAL  
PIG POPULATION STATEWIDE.

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

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

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10          WHEREAS, due to their aggressive nature, feral pigs are  
11 also known to attack livestock and transmit diseases to  
12 livestock, people, and pets; and

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14          WHEREAS, these pests have migrated in increasing numbers  
15 from state land to residential areas, causing property damage  
16 and disturbances that affect the health, safety, and welfare of  
17 area residents; and

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19          WHEREAS, in 2006, on Oahu, the Division of Forestry and  
20 Wildlife (DOFAW) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
21 (DLNR) received 12 calls per month concerning nuisance pigs; and

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23          WHEREAS, in 2007, in Hawaii County, the United States  
24 Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
25 Services, Wildlife Services Office, set up a hotline to record  
26 complaints about damages and threats from feral pigs and  
27 received over 240 calls within two months; and



1 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 26, S.D. 1 (S.R. No. 26),  
2 was adopted by the Senate in 2005, requesting DLNR to  
3 collaborate with land conservation, hunting, and animal care  
4 organizations to review various methodologies for controlling  
5 non-native game animals in Hawaii's forest areas; and  
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7 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 98, S.D. 1 (H.C.R.  
8 No. 98), was adopted in 2006, requesting DLNR to prepare a plan  
9 to reduce the statewide feral pig population; and  
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11 WHEREAS, in response to H.C.R. No. 98, DLNR reported that  
12 DOFAW removed approximately 550 nuisance pigs on Oahu in fiscal  
13 year 2006, in response to landowner reports, and:  
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- 15 (1) Provides direct assistance to individuals affected by  
16 feral pigs by loaning traps, trapping pigs for release  
17 in game management areas, or trapping pigs for  
18 dispatch by interested hunters, where appropriate;  
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- 20 (2) Provides information to assist in the removal of pigs,  
21 such as by issuing a wildlife damage control permit,  
22 and contact information for individuals that will  
23 conduct removal work; and  
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- 25 (3) Provides information on how to obtain a hunting  
26 permit;  
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30 WHEREAS, despite the preparation of the technical report  
31 reviewing the methods and approaches for controlling non-native  
32 ungulates in Hawaii in response to S.R. No. 26, and  
33 recommendations to reduce the statewide feral pig population in  
34 response to H.C.R. No. 98, the feral pig population and the  
35 problems associated with it continue; and  
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37 WHEREAS, feral pig invasions continue to jeopardize the  
38 health, safety, and economic well-being of our communities; and  
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40 WHEREAS, residents faced with feral pig invasions have been  
41 forced to take the situation into their own hands by entrapping  
42 the animals and employing firearms to protect their property,  
43 which raises additional public safety concerns; and



1 WHEREAS, DLNR's plan to reduce the statewide feral pig  
2 population prepared in response to H.C.R. No. 98, states that  
3 appropriate solutions to problems with nuisance feral pigs are  
4 site-specific, depending on whether the land is private or  
5 government land, a public hunting area, rural, or residential or  
6 urban where public hunting and use of firearms is prohibited;  
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9 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study on the best methods to  
10 control and reduce the feral pig population, specific to each  
11 type of site, is necessary to address this situation; and

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13 WHEREAS, DOFAW is responsible for stewardship of forest,  
14 wildlife, and watershed resources, and is in the best position  
15 to address the concerns of these landowners who are affected by  
16 the rampaging feral pigs; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that DLNR, with the cooperation  
21 and input of various government agencies and stakeholders, is  
22 requested to conduct a comprehensive study on the most  
23 effective, efficient, and humane methods for the control and  
24 reduction of the feral pig population statewide, specific to  
25 each type of site; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in gathering input, DLNR is  
28 requested to consult with:

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30 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture;  
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32 (2) Hawaii Department of Agriculture;  
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34 (3) University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical  
35 Agriculture and Human Resources;  
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37 (4) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
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39 (5) County agencies;  
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41 (6) Private landowners affected by the feral pig  
42 population;  
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44 (7) The Hawaiian Humane Society; and



1 (8) Pig hunting organizations;

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit its  
6 findings and recommendations, including any necessary  
7 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to  
8 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the  
12 United States Department of Agriculture, Chairperson of the  
13 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of  
14 Agriculture, Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College  
15 of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Chairperson of the  
16 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, mayors of  
17 each county, and Executive Director of the Hawaiian Humane  
18 Society.

