
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT 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
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29 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution (S.R.) No. 26, S.D. 1, was
30 adopted by the Senate in 2005, requesting DLNR to collaborate
31 with land conservation, hunting, and animal care organizations
32 to review various methodologies for controlling non-native game
33 animals in Hawaii's forest areas; and



1 WHEREAS, House Resolution (H.C.R.) No. 98, S.D. 1, was
2 adopted in 2006, requesting DLNR to prepare a plan to reduce the
3 statewide feral pig population; and
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5 WHEREAS, in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006, DLNR
6 reported that DOFAW removed approximately 550 nuisance pigs on
7 Oahu in fiscal year 2006, in response to landowner reports and:
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- 9 (1) Provides direct assistance to individuals affected by
10 feral pigs by loaning traps, trapping pigs for release
11 in game management areas, or trapping pigs for
12 dispatch by interested hunters, where appropriate;
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14 (2) Provides information to assist in the removal of pigs,
15 such as by issuing a wildlife damage control permit,
16 and contact information for individuals that will
17 conduct removal work; and
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19 (3) Provides information on how to obtain a hunting
20 permit;
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24 WHEREAS, despite the preparation of the technical report
25 reviewing the methods and approaches for controlling non-native
26 ungulates in Hawaii in response to S.R. No. 26, S.D. 1, 2005,
27 and recommendations to reduce the statewide feral pig population
28 in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006, the feral pig
29 population and the problems associated with the feral pig
30 population continue; and
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32 WHEREAS, feral pig invasions continue to jeopardize the
33 health, safety, and economic well-being of our communities; and
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35 WHEREAS, this problem has forced residents faced with this
36 issue to take the situation into their own hands by entrapping
37 the animals and employing firearms to protect their property
38 from the threat posed by the feral pigs, which raises public
39 safety concerns; and
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41 WHEREAS, DLNR's plan to reduce the statewide feral pig
42 population prepared in response to H.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, 2006,
43 states that appropriate solutions to problems with nuisance
44 feral pigs are site specific, depending on whether the land is



1 private or government land, a public hunting area, rural, or
2 residential or urban where public hunting and use of firearms is
3 prohibited; and
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5 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study on the best methods of
6 controlling and reducing the feral pig population specific to
7 each type of site is necessary to address this situation; and
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9 WHEREAS, DLNR's DOFAW is responsible for stewardship of
10 forest, wildlife, and watershed resources, and is in the best
11 position to address the concerns of these landowners who are
12 affected by the rampaging feral pigs; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2010, that DLNR, with the cooperation and input of various
17 government agencies and stakeholders, is requested to conduct a
18 comprehensive study on the most effective and efficient methods
19 for the control and reduction of the feral pig population
20 statewide, specific to each type of site; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in gathering input, DLNR is
23 requested to consult with:
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- 25 (1) The United States Department of Agriculture;
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- 27 (2) Hawaii Department of Agriculture;
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- 29 (3) University of Hawaii-Manoa, College of Tropical
30 Agriculture and Human Resources;
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- 32 (4) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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- 34 (5) County agencies;
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- 36 (6) Private landowners affected by the feral pig
37 population;
- 38 (7) The Hawaiian Humane Society; and
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- 40 (8) Pig hunting organizations;
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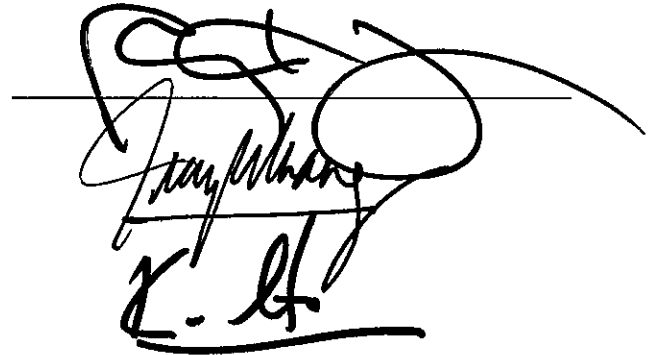
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit its
2 findings and recommendations, including any necessary
3 legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to
4 the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Land and Natural Resources, Secretary of the United States
9 Department of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of
10 Agriculture, Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and
11 Human Resources, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
12 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the mayor of each county, and the
13 Executive Director of the Hawaiian Humane Society.
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OFFERED BY:

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