
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AN ARENA
AND TESTING AND INSPECTION FACILITY ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
ON MOLOKAI FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING BACKYARD POULTRY
FLOCKS FOR AVIAN DISEASES.

1 WHEREAS, there is a strong cultural tradition throughout
2 Hawaii and other Pacific islands of raising backyard flocks of
3 poultry; and
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5 WHEREAS, owning poultry is a traditional part of the rural
6 environment in Hawaii, and poultry cohabitate naturally with
7 humans and other domesticated animals; and
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9 WHEREAS, many persons who live on Hawaiian Home Lands own
10 backyard flocks of chickens and other poultry as a hobby that
11 provides them with a source of food, companionship, or
12 enjoyment; and
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14 WHEREAS, avian influenza, Newcastle disease, and other
15 communicable avian diseases are a threat to public safety and
16 health, and if undetected, these diseases may spread from
17 backyard poultry flocks to wild birds, commercial poultry, and
18 humans; and
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20 WHEREAS, many people in the Philippines also share a
21 tradition of raising backyard poultry flocks, and these poultry
22 owners and enthusiasts in the Philippines have long recognized
23 the importance of testing their poultry flocks for avian
24 diseases, and thus, the Araneta Coliseum was constructed to
25 include a model testing facility for poultry inspections; and
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27 WHEREAS, despite the popularity and cultural traditions of
28 backyard poultry in Hawaii, there is no comparable facility in



1 Hawaii for testing or inspecting backyard flocks of free-range
2 poultry for communicable avian diseases; and

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4 WHEREAS, the existence of a poultry inspection facility
5 for poultry owners who live on Hawaiian Home Lands could prevent
6 the spread of potentially fatal avian diseases, as well as
7 create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State;
8 now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian
13 Home Lands is requested to convene a task force to study the
14 feasibility of developing an arena and testing and inspection
15 facility on Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai as a pilot project
16 for the purpose of testing backyard poultry flocks for avian
17 diseases; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
20 study the potential economic, social, tourism, and health
21 effects that would result from the construction of an arena and
22 testing and inspection facility for backyard poultry flocks on
23 Molokai; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is also
26 requested to study the feasibility of developing similar arenas
27 and testing and inspection facilities for backyard poultry
28 flocks on Hawaiian Home Lands on other islands of the State,
29 including the potential economic, social, tourism, and health
30 effects that would result; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
33 consist of the following members:

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35 (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, who
36 shall serve as chairperson of the task force;
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38 (2) Two members of the Molokai Game Fowl Association;
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40 (3) One member of the Molokai Farmers Alliance;
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42 (4) One member of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association;
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44 (5) One member of Kamiloloa Homestead Association;



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- 2 (6) One member of Kaa'akea Homestead Association;
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- 4 (7) One member of Hoolehua Homestead Agriculture
- 5 Association; and
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- 7 (8) One member of the Molokai Livestock Association; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
10 submit a report of its findings, including its recommendations
11 and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
12 one hundred eighty days prior to the convening of the Regular
13 Session of 2012; and


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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
16 Bureau is requested to assist the task force with drafting any
17 legislation proposed by the task force; provided that the
18 chairperson of the task force submits a draft of the task
19 force's proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
20 drafting in sufficient time to meet the task force's deadline
21 for submittal of its report; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
24 dissolved upon the submission of its report to the Legislature;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
29 Hawaiian Homes Commission, who in turn is requested to transmit
30 copies to the entities listed herein, and the Director of the
31 Legislative Reference Bureau.

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