
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONVENE THE FERAL ANIMAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKING GROUP
TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE FERAL
ANIMALS MANAGEMENT POLICIES.

1 WHEREAS, feral animals have detrimental impacts on people,
2 native species and habitats, and the environment and have been
3 the subject of significant community concerns, including traffic
4 safety, damage to personal property, and effects on public
5 resources; and

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7 WHEREAS, the lack of a legal framework for animal control
8 across all land ownerships and jurisdictions has led to policy
9 gaps regarding who responds, addresses, and pays for feral
10 animal control; and

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12 WHEREAS, certain feral animal control measures can be
13 controversial, and without a clear understanding of how to
14 control feral animals, and who is responsible for the control,
15 there have been individuals who have taken situations into their
16 own hands; and

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18 WHEREAS, an entity is critically needed to comprehensively
19 review, prioritize, and make recommendations for feral animal
20 management and control on each island, based on the best
21 interests of the State's communities; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2011, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
26 requested to convene the Feral Animal Conflict Resolution
27 Working Group to develop and recommend statewide comprehensive
28 feral animals management policies; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
2 the Feral Animal Conflict Resolution Working Group be composed
3 of representatives from the following:

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- 5 (1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division
6 of Forestry and Wildlife;
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- 8 (2) The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division
9 of Conservation and Resources Enforcement;
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- 11 (3) The Department of Agriculture;
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- 13 (4) The Department of Health;
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- 15 (5) The Department of Transportation, Highways Division;
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- 17 (6) The Department of Defense;
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- 19 (7) The University of Hawaii, Office of Public Health
20 Studies;
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- 22 (8) The University of Hawaii, Department of Natural
23 Resources and Environmental Management;
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- 25 (9) The Humane Society of the United States;
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- 27 (10) The Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association;
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- 29 (11) The Hawaii Rifle Association;
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- 31 (12) Kualoa Ranch;
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- 33 (13) The Nature Conservancy;
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- 35 (14) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 37 (15) The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;
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- 39 (16) The Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships;
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- 41 (17) The Conservation Council for Hawaii;
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- 43 (18) Kamehameha Schools;
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- 1 (19) The Hawaii Humane Society;
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- 3 (20) The Maui Humane Society;
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- 5 (21) The Kauai Humane Society;
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- 7 (22) The Hawaii Island Humane Society;
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- 9 (23) The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association;
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- 11 (24) The Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association;
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- 13 (25) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
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- 15 (26) The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal
- 16 and Plant Health Inspection Services - Wildlife
- 17 Services;
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- 19 (27) The National Park Service;
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- 21 (28) The United States Army Garrison, Hawaii; and
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- 23 (29) The United States Pacific Command; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
26 to elect a chair and vice chair, each respectively representing
27 different organizations, missions, and interests, from among its
28 members by a majority vote; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the working group
31 members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of working
32 group business; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
35 the working group engage the services of a disinterested
36 facilitator to assist the working group with its activities; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
39 the working group engage the services of consultants and experts
40 to:

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- 42 (1) Provide examples of effective feral animal management
- 43 programs and policies, including interagency
- 44 collaboration, cooperative agreements, and memorandums



1 of understanding or agreement, utilized in other
2 jurisdictions or parts of the world, as available;

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- 4 (2) Provide examples of existing and developing feral
5 animal control methods utilized in other jurisdictions
6 or parts of the world;
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- 8 (3) Address historical and cultural issues relating to or
9 affected by feral animals;
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- 11 (4) Help identify needed resources and quantify costs and
12 benefits relevant to management of feral animal
13 control programs and policies; and
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- 15 (5) Review any other areas of desired inquiry; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term feral means free-
18 roaming and the working group is requested to determine what
19 feral animal species should be examined, and to what extent, for
20 the purposes of this Resolution using an agreed upon process and
21 criteria, including an assessment of risk to health, safety,
22 property, agriculture, or the environment, that facilitates
23 maximum effective collaboration towards achieving the working
24 group's requested deliverables; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
27 the working group:

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- 29 (1) Identify and summarize each working group member's or
30 lead agency's concerns, role, and potential
31 contributions with respect to better management of
32 feral animals;
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- 34 (2) Discuss and summarize feral animal relocation and
35 control options and efforts with and between the
36 departments of agriculture, land and natural
37 resources, health, and transportation, as well as
38 state, county, federal, and privately organized
39 programs and policies;
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- 41 (3) In consultation with appropriate agencies and
42 stakeholders, analyze and summarize existing gaps and
43 obstacles that prevent interagency collaboration,
44 partnerships, and more effective management and



1 control of feral animal populations, including each
2 working group member's or lead agency's requirements
3 for understanding and cooperating to close these gaps,
4 overcome these obstacles, share resources and
5 responsibilities, and develop potential solutions;
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7 (4) In consultation with appropriate agencies and
8 stakeholders, identify and describe the level of
9 effort and methods commonly used to control the number
10 of feral animals in a given area, for each species;
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12 (5) In consultation with appropriate agencies and
13 stakeholders, identify and describe suggested methods,
14 forums, or outreach programs to educate the public and
15 private sectors regarding feral animal risks, impacts,
16 and management;
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18 (6) Provide, where available, the annual costs incurred by
19 each working group member or lead agency in the
20 control of each feral animal species and mitigation of
21 animal damage, and a summary of the types of costs
22 accruing to the public and private sectors as a result
23 of feral animals, with a list of relevant published
24 references, including cost-benefit analyses pertaining
25 to species of interest;
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27 (7) Develop and recommend a framework and process for
28 addressing common elements of a statewide
29 comprehensive feral animals management policy, in as
30 much detail as possible, with a proposed plan for
31 addressing the more specific island and species
32 control details based on continuing collaboration and
33 future work; and
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35 (8) Review existing Hawaii statutes and rules pertaining
36 to feral animals and suggest appropriate state
37 legislation or administrative rule changes to improve
38 the administration and management of feral animal
39 control programs and policies, including recommended
40 measures of effectiveness for these programs and
41 policies; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
44 the working group members review the following documents:

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- (1) The Legislative Reference Bureau, Report No. 1, 2002, FILLING THE GAPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES, January 2002, which is a study on policy recommendations and funding options for a comprehensive alien invasive species protection and control program for the State of Hawaii;
- (2) The Interim State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Research and Public Outreach, the purpose of which is to provide the framework for a statewide invasive species prevention, control, research, and public outreach program;
- (3) The HAWAI'I INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL Strategy 2008-2013, prepared by the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, June 2008;
- (4) The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, TECHNICAL REPORT No. 07-01, REVIEW OF METHODS AND APPROACH FOR CONTROL OF NON-NATIVE UNGULATES IN HAWAII, March 1, 2007, to include the report purpose, assumptions, and intent with respect to objectives;
- (5) The Asia Forest Network, Research Network Report: Facilitating Collaborative Planning In Hawaii's Natural Area Reserves; and
- (6) The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources Report to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature Regular Session of 2007, PLAN TO REDUCE THE STATEWIDE FERAL PIG POPULATION; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in exploring all possible solutions to feral animal control, eradication is the least desirable option; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any formal findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation presented on behalf of the working group are requested to be by consensus voting and that minority reports and dissenting positions be included in the report; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Feral Animal Conflict
3 Resolution Working Group is requested to meet not less than four
4 times and for reporting purposes, no later than November 1,
5 2011, transmit to the Legislative Reference Bureau:

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7 (1) A draft of the working group's work, information,
8 deliverables, findings, recommendations, and proposed
9 legislation, including problems with existing statutes
10 or administrative rules;
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12 (2) A draft of recommendations regarding the continuation,
13 discontinuation, modification, or placement of the
14 group, to include budgetary requirements or
15 constraints related to continuing or modifying the
16 working group, and recommendations regarding
17 maximizing the working group's effectiveness to meet
18 future work needs; and
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20 (3) A draft of minority reports and dissenting positions,
21 if applicable; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
24 Bureau is requested to assemble, finalize, and submit the
25 working group's report to the Legislature and Governor no later
26 than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
27 of 2012; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
30 Natural Resources is requested to provide other necessary
31 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to
32 the working group; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Feral Animal
35 Conflict Resolution Working Group are requested to serve without
36 compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the Chairperson of
40 the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the
41 Board of Agriculture; the Director of Health; the Director of
42 Transportation; the respective Mayors of each County; the
43 Director of the Office of Public Health Studies, University of
44 Hawaii; the Chairperson of the Department of Natural Resources



1 and Environmental Management, University of Hawaii; the
 2 President of the Humane Society of the United States; the
 3 President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association; the
 4 President of the Hawaii Rifle Association; the President of
 5 Kualoa Ranch; the Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy,
 6 Hawaii Chapter; the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau
 7 Federation; the President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; the
 8 Chairperson of the Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships;
 9 the Executive Director of the Conservation Council for Hawaii;
 10 the Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools; the President
 11 of the Hawaii Humane Society; the President of the Maui Humane
 12 Society; the President of the Kauai Humane Society; the
 13 President of the Hawaii Island Humane Society; the President of
 14 the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; the President of the
 15 Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; the Hawaii Administrator
 16 of the Department of the Interior, United States Fish and
 17 Wildlife Service; the Hawaii Area Director, United States
 18 Department of Agriculture; the Pacific Area Director, United
 19 States Department of the Interior - National Park Service; the
 20 Commander, United States Army Garrison, Hawaii; and the
 21 Commander of the United States Pacific Command.

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