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## HOUSE 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  
29 Hawaii for testing or inspecting backyard flocks of free-range  
30 poultry for communicable avian diseases; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the existence of a poultry inspection facility  
2 for poultry owners who live on Hawaiian Home Lands could prevent  
3 the spread of potentially fatal avian diseases, as well as  
4 create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State;  
5 now, therefore,  
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7           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
9 of 2011, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested  
10 to convene a task force to study the feasibility of developing  
11 an arena and testing and inspection facility on Hawaiian Home  
12 Lands on Molokai as a pilot project for the purpose of testing  
13 backyard poultry flocks for avian diseases; and  
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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
16 study the potential economic, social, tourism, and health  
17 effects that would result from the construction of an arena and  
18 testing and inspection facility for backyard poultry flocks on  
19 Molokai; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is also  
22 requested to study the feasibility of developing similar arenas  
23 and testing and inspection facilities for backyard poultry  
24 flocks on Hawaiian Home Lands on other islands of the State,  
25 including the potential economic, social, tourism, and health  
26 effects that would result; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
29 consist of the following members:  
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- 31           (1) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, who  
32           shall serve as chairperson of the task force;
- 33           (2) Two members of the Molokai Game Fowl Association;
- 34           (3) One member of the Molokai Farmers Alliance;
- 35           (4) One member of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association;
- 36           (5) One member of Kamiloloa Homestead Association;
- 37           (6) One member of Kaa'akea Homestead Association;
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1 (7) One member of Hoolehua Homestead Agriculture  
2 Association; and

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4 (8) One member of the Molokai Livestock Association; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
7 submit a report of its findings, including its recommendations  
8 and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
9 one hundred eighty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
10 Session of 2012; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
13 Bureau is requested to assist the task force with drafting any  
14 legislation proposed by the task force; provided that the  
15 chairperson of the task force submits a draft of the task  
16 force's proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
17 drafting in sufficient time to meet the task force's deadline  
18 for submittal of its report; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be  
21 dissolved upon the submission of its report to the Legislature;  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
26 Homes Commission, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to  
27 the entities listed herein, and the Director of the Legislative  
28 Reference Bureau.  
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