
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 the State and other Pacific islands of raising backyard flocks
3 of poultry; and
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5 WHEREAS, owning poultry is a traditional part of the rural
6 environment in Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, poultry cohabitate naturally with humans and other
9 domesticated animals; and
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11 WHEREAS, many persons who live on Hawaiian Home Lands own
12 backyard flocks of chickens and other poultry as a hobby, and
13 the poultry provides them with a source of food, companionship,
14 or enjoyment; and
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16 WHEREAS, avian influenza, Newcastle disease, and other
17 communicable avian diseases are threats to public safety and
18 health, and if undetected, these diseases may spread from
19 backyard poultry flocks to wild birds, commercial poultry, and
20 humans; and
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22 WHEREAS, many people in the Philippines also share a
23 tradition of raising backyard poultry flocks, and these poultry
24 owners and enthusiasts in the Philippines have long recognized
25 the importance of testing their poultry flocks for avian
26 diseases, and thus, the Araneta Coliseum was constructed to
27 include a model testing facility for poultry inspections; and



1 WHEREAS, despite the popularity and cultural traditions of
2 backyard poultry in Hawaii, there is no comparable facility in
3 Hawaii for testing or inspecting backyard flocks of free-range
4 poultry for communicable avian diseases; and
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6 WHEREAS, the existence of a poultry inspection facility
7 for poultry owners who live on Hawaiian Home Lands could prevent
8 the spread of potentially fatal avian diseases, as well as
9 create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State;
10 now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2011, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested
15 to convene a task force to study the:
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- 17 (1) Feasibility of developing an arena and testing and
18 inspection facility on Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai
19 as a pilot project for the purpose of testing backyard
20 poultry flocks for avian diseases;
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- 22 (2) Potential economic, social, tourism, and health
23 effects that would result from the construction of an
24 arena and testing and inspection facility for backyard
25 poultry flocks on Molokai; and
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- 27 (3) Feasibility of developing similar arenas and testing
28 and inspection facilities for backyard poultry flocks
29 on Hawaiian Home Lands on other islands of the State,
30 including the potential economic, social, tourism, and
31 health effects that would result;
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force comprise the
36 following members:
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- 38 (1) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's
39 designee;



- 1 (2) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;
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3 (3) The Director of Transportation of the Director's
4 designee;
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6 (4) The Dean of the University of Hawaii College of
7 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources or the Dean's
8 designee;
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10 (5) Two members of the Molokai Game Fowl Association;
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12 (6) One member of the Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance;
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14 (7) One member of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association;
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16 (8) One member of Kamiloloa Homestead Association;
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18 (9) One member of Kapa'akea Homestead Association;
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20 (10) One member of Ho'olehua Homestead Agriculture
21 Association;
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23 (11) One member of the Molokai Livestock Association;
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25 (12) One member of Ho'olehua Livestock Association; and
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27 (13) One member of Ho'olehua Homestead Association;

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the task
32 force shall be selected by the members of the organizations
33 involved and shall report back to the Chairperson of the
34 Hawaiian Homes Commission; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
37 submit a report of its findings, including its recommendations
38 and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
39 November 1, 2011; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is requested to assist the task force with drafting any
3 legislation proposed by the task force; provided that the
4 Chairperson of the task force submits a draft of the task
5 force's proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
6 drafting in sufficient time to meet the task force's deadline
7 for submittal of its report; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
10 dissolved after the adjournment of the Regular Session of 2012;
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
15 Homes Commission, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to
16 the entities listed herein, and the Acting Director of the
17 Legislative Reference Bureau.

