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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ADOPTION OF LAWS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM  
THE LANDOWNER IN ORDER TO HUNT ON PRIVATE LANDS AND TO  
DEFINE PLACES OF FORMAL HUNTING.

1           WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have continually experienced  
2 problems, including damage and injury caused by trespassing  
3 hunters, yet have no recourse against them and are defenseless  
4 against claims by the trespassers for incidents on private land  
5 despite the trespassers' illegal entry; and  
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7           WHEREAS, poaching and agricultural theft have escalated  
8 over the years and must be better controlled through proper  
9 enforcement and strict sentencing; and  
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11           WHEREAS, trespassing hunters also present safety issues for  
12 the farmers, ranchers, their families, and workers; and  
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14           WHEREAS, existing laws inadequately protect private  
15 landowners from bodily injury and damage to property, livestock,  
16 and crops as a result of entry onto private property by  
17 trespassers engaged in hunting with firearms; and  
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19           WHEREAS, private landowners are willing to work with  
20 licensed hunters who often assist the landowners in controlling  
21 the population of feral ungulates such as pigs, goats, and deer  
22 that damage the environment; and  
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24           WHEREAS, requiring written permission from private  
25 landowners for hunting or other legitimate purposes is the very  
26 least that should be done to address the ongoing concerns of  
27 property owners relating to trespass; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that laws be adopted to require



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1 written permission from landowners in order to hunt on private  
2 lands; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such law adopted also  
5 clarify areas in which hunting may be allowed by defining places  
6 of formal hunting; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
10 Board of Land and Natural Resources and Attorney General.

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OFFERED BY:



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