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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXTEND THE USE OF  
OVOCONTROL TO FERAL CHICKENS.

1           WHEREAS, a concern to residents, visitors, and businesses  
2 across the State, feral chickens pose a noise nuisance, are a  
3 potential threat to native birds, and cause other destructive  
4 and unsanitary problems; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Office of the United States Department  
7 of Agriculture Wildlife Services removes more than 150,000 birds  
8 each year at taxpayer expense; and

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10          WHEREAS, although current bird control methods, including  
11 trapping, shooting, and poisoning, help control the chicken  
12 population, these birds are rapid breeders and repopulate very  
13 quickly; and

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15          WHEREAS, while poisons pose a threat to the environment and  
16 other animals, including pets, contraceptives are a safer, long-  
17 term solution for controlling the feral chicken population; and

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19          WHEREAS, Nicarbazin has been proven to be an effective  
20 contraceptive for birds, and leading animal welfare groups such  
21 as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
22 and the Humane Society of the United States have advocated the  
23 use of this contraceptive; and

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25          WHEREAS, OvoControl, a bait containing Nicarbazin, is  
26 approved and registered by the United States Environmental  
27 Protection Agency for the control of feral pigeons; and



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1           WHEREAS, as a humane, reversible, and nonlethal control  
2 method, OvoControl is being used successfully by a number of  
3 businesses in Waikiki to abate the feral pigeon population; and  
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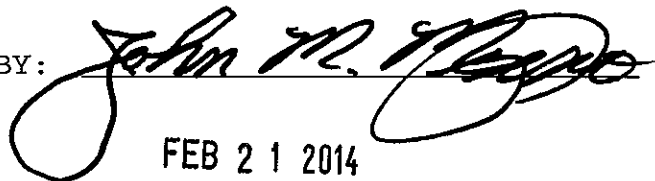
5           WHEREAS, although it is effective in preventing the  
6 hatching of eggs in other bird species, OvoControl is currently  
7 only allowed in Hawaii for use on pigeons; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
12 Agriculture is requested to extend the use of OvoControl to  
13 feral chickens; and  
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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
16 is urged to file a Special Local Needs or Section 24(c)  
17 registration with the United States Environmental Protection  
18 Agency to allow the use of OvoControl for feral chickens within  
19 the State of Hawaii; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
23 Board of Agriculture, Director of Health, Chairperson of the  
24 Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Administrator of the  
25 United States Environmental Protection Agency.  
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