
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION COLLABORATE TO CONTROL THE STATEWIDE
PROLIFERATION OF FERAL PIGS.

1 WHEREAS, feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*) were first brought to
2 Hawaii by the early Polynesian voyagers; and

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4 WHEREAS, numerous descendants of those pigs are currently
5 roaming the islands; and

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7 WHEREAS, small black pigs that weigh up to one hundred
8 twenty-five pounds are believed to be of the same breed
9 introduced by the early Polynesians and can be found on the
10 island of Kauai; and

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12 WHEREAS, the later introduction of domestic pig breeds from
13 throughout the world has produced mixed breeds of feral pigs
14 that range in color from black through red and white and that
15 weigh from two hundred to four hundred pounds; and

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17 WHEREAS, these mixed breeds have prospered on the islands
18 of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu; and

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20 WHEREAS, in the past, the sugar and pineapple plantations
21 would control the population of feral pigs to prevent crop
22 damage; and

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24 WHEREAS, with the closing of most plantations, land was
25 left fallow and the population of feral pigs grew, as sows have
26 gestation periods of approximately one hundred fifteen days and
27 commonly bear litters of two to eight piglets; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is now faced with a growing feral pig
2 population that destroys crops and livestock and damages parks
3 and forest land throughout the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, private land owners can control pig populations by
6 conducting hunts and eradication operations on their properties;
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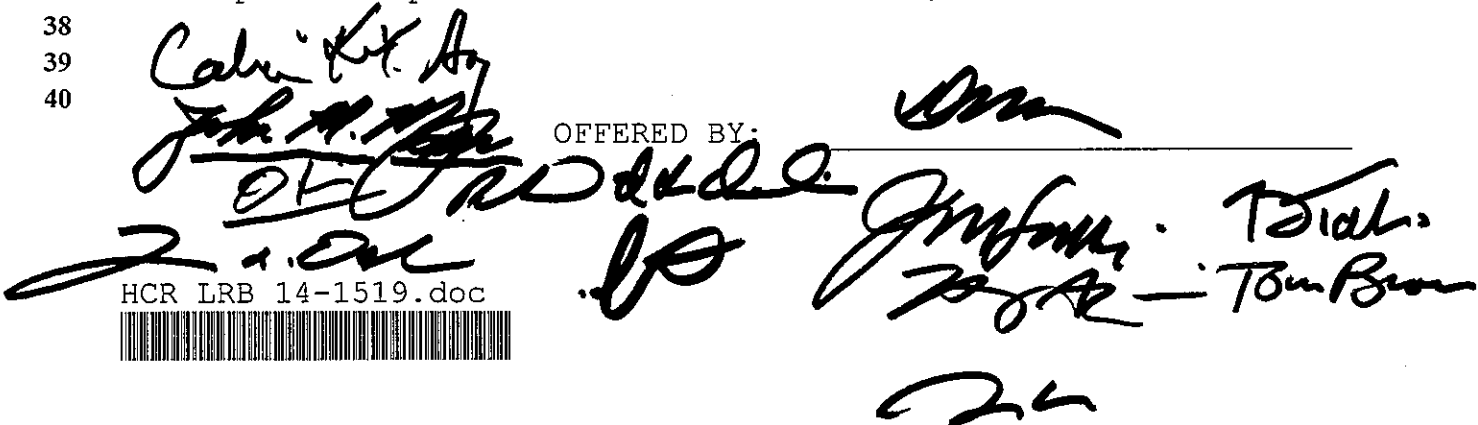
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9 WHEREAS, hunts and eradication operations often divert
10 feral pigs onto state lands, which now hold the largest pig
11 populations; and

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13 WHEREAS, feral pigs also invade residential areas where
14 they damage trees, gardens, and other property and threaten the
15 health and safety of children and household pets; now,
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Forestry and
21 Wildlife and State Parks Divisions of the Department of Land and
22 Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, and the
23 Agribusiness Development Corporation are requested to
24 collaborate to control the growing statewide population of feral
25 pigs; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that not later than twenty days
28 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015, the
29 respective agencies submit a combined report to the Legislature
30 of each agency's respective actions in response to this measure;
31 and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
35 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the
36 Board of Agriculture, the Chairperson of the Agribusiness
37 Development Corporation Board of Directors, and the Governor.

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The bottom section of the page contains several handwritten signatures and initials. On the left, there are three distinct signatures. In the center, the words "OFFERED BY:" are printed above a large, stylized signature. To the right, there are more signatures, including one that appears to be "Tom Brown" and another that looks like "Tom Brown" written in a different style. There are also some initials and scribbles scattered throughout this section.

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