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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOWL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and  
2 roosters have established themselves in communities throughout  
3 the State. They have become a nuisance, particularly in many  
4 suburban and urban communities, by trespassing in yards and  
5 gardens, digging up plants, damaging food crops, and  
6 jeopardizing native plants. The increasing number of feral  
7 chickens and roosters also makes roads unsafe for drivers who  
8 must brake or swerve to avoid them.

9           The legislature further finds that unsanitary droppings  
10 from these birds are a health concern. Feral chickens carry  
11 diseases that threaten or kill native Hawaiian birds. There is  
12 fear that feral chickens will spread disease to domestic fowl  
13 and to other wild birds. Feral roosters crow at all times of  
14 the day and night, which has led to numerous concerns and  
15 complaints in locations throughout the State about their noise.

16           The purpose of this Act is to reduce the feral chicken and  
17 rooster population in the State by appropriating funds to the



1 department of health to purchase traps for feral chickens and  
2 roosters and to rent the traps at a nominal fee to residents.

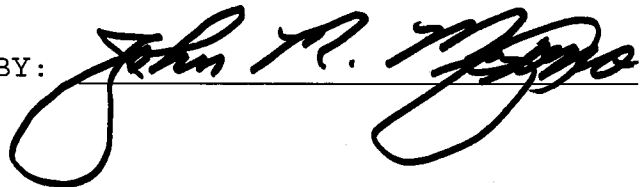
3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
6 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
7 fiscal year 2018-2019 for the department of health to purchase  
8 traps for feral chickens and roosters and to rent the traps at a  
9 nominal fee to residents; provided that the department of health  
10 may contract with eligible non-profit entities or for-profit  
11 entities to carry out the purposes of this Act.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of health for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# H.B. NO. 536

**Report Title:**

Traps; Feral Chickens and Roosters; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase traps for feral chickens and roosters and rent traps at a nominal fee to residents. Permits the Department of Health to contract with eligible non-profit or for-profit entities for that purpose.

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