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Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
8:45 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of  
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 119/HOUSE RESOLUTION 104  
URGING STATE AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND CONTROL THE  
FERAL CATS AND CHICKENS ON STATE PROPERTIES WITHIN THEIR  
RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO AVOID CREATING A NUISANCE, CAUSING  
DAMAGE, AND OTHER NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO NEIGHBORING PRIVATE  
PROPERTIES**

House Concurrent Resolution 119/House Resolution 104 urge state agencies to manage feral cats and chickens on state properties to avoid creating a nuisance. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes that feral cats and chickens can create a nuisance to private landowners. The Department notes that approximately one million acres of land are under its jurisdiction. While total control of chickens or feral cats over this entire land area is not currently feasible, the Department does maintain predator control and nuisance animal control programs for resource management purposes, and does advise and assist private landowners on a case-by-case basis to control nuisance animals on state properties that abut private properties where a nuisance has been reported. The Department will continue these programs to the extent that resources permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/18/2018 5:53:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/17/2018 3:04:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/17/2018 3:35:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
carole richelieu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/17/2018 4:20:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
M. Markl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello Chairs And Committee Members:

I oppose totally this inhumane, bill and you should to. These creatures are feeling beings just like you and me. They are not litter to be destroyed. There are bills and people who volunteer their time and money to handle this issue COMPASSIONATELY via Trap, Neuter, Release and Manage Program so the issue does have a humane solution. They were created just like us and have as much right to their one life as us, and share this earth, not hog it up and give death sentences to other creatures What if you were considered a nuisance by them and other creatures, would it also be considered legitimate to destroy humans? Hawaii markets itself with a compassionate image. These TNRM people actually do that work, they are your best PR.. Please give these creatures the mercy you would want if you were in their place, because I believe we will have to account to spirit for all of your actions and there will be no excuses for you on this issue since there are compassionate heros willing to do the TNRP and perhaps the people who wanted to do this bill also need to emulate them. May Spirit return in kind to you, the decision you make on their lives. Please totally oppose this cold-blooded bill.

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/18/2018 8:51:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary James	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This concurrent resolution is way too broad and provides no protections for the cats or chickens. It is way too heavy handed and should not be passed in this form. Please just hold it and work on other bills and resolutions that suggest solutions to the problems addressed in this concurrent resolution.

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/18/2018 10:45:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christin Matsushige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HCR119. As written, it is too broad in scope.

Thank you,

Christin Matsushige

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Honolulu HI 96813

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 5:41:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen A. Geimer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

State agencies working with proper cat caretaker organizations is the best way to deal with the feral and abandoned pet situation.



**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:36:20 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katherine Linster	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose HCR119 and the inhumane and irresponsible "management" of the human made problem of cat overpopulation. TNRM is the only solution that will work. Instead of encouraging cruel and irresponsible actions, I urge you to work with community caretakers who have taken on the burden caused by short-sighted and cruel individuals.

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 8:04:48 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alexandrian Tse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 9:59:12 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Helene P Navaro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

We strongly oppose HCR 119 and would like our state of Aloha to support TNRM to effectively control feral cat overpopulation!

Simply catch and kill doesnt work. Whenever you as officials representing us your constituents please always consider the source of information. Lots of misinformed informations are floating to undermine TNR and therefore we trust that our officials will do the right thing the Humane and the Aloha Way to support TNR on State properties.

We thank you for Opposing HCR 119. Mahalo Nui Loa.

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 10:57:21 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Perry	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

"Control" needs to be defined as to HOW you wish colonies controlled. TNR is the optimal choice, but if you leave the language open, it allows options such as mass euthanasia and extermination, which would be inhumane and more costly than allowing non-profit animal groups to come in and TNR.

Please amend the language to designate that by "control" you wish to implement a TNR program as the accepted defined control method.

**LATE**

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 1:13:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lee Cuccia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**LATE**

**HCR-119**

Submitted on: 3/20/2018 3:53:25 PM  
Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kitty Ng	Hawaii Happy Cats	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose for sure as would be less than humane . As stated in my testimony on HR104 would be in opposition to humane TNRM and I totally OPPOSE