
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 into 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 create a road hazard for drivers who
8 must suddenly stop 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



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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 2019-2020 and the
6 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
7 fiscal year 2020-2021 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:

10 (1) The department of health may contract with eligible
11 non-profit entities or for-profit entities to carry
12 out the purposes of this Act; and

13 (2) No funds shall be made available to purchase and rent
14 traps to residents of a county unless that county
15 provides matching funds on a one-to-one basis for the
16 purpose of purchasing traps for feral chickens and
17 roosters.

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

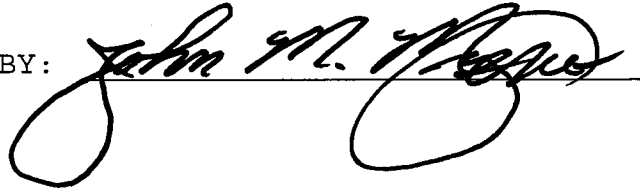


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Traps; Feral Chickens and Roosters; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health (DOH) to purchase and rent traps for feral chickens and roosters to residents for a nominal fee. Authorizes DOH to contract with eligible entities to administer the program. Imposes a 1:1 match requirement on counties whose residents participate in the program.

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