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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ERADICATE THE STATE'S  
FERAL CHICKEN POPULATION AND REQUESTING THE HEAD OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION TO  
PROVIDE A PEST DESIGNATION FOR FERAL CHICKENS.

1           WHEREAS, feral chickens have become a nuisance in the  
2 State, especially in suburban and urban communities; and

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4           WHEREAS, because feral chickens face no natural predators  
5 on Kauai; the island has become overrun with tens of thousands  
6 of feral chickens; and

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8           WHEREAS, the feral chicken population has also become a  
9 significant problem and cause for resident complaints on the  
10 windward side of Oahu; and

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12           WHEREAS, feral chickens trespass into yards and gardens,  
13 destroy property, damage food crops, and jeopardize native  
14 plants; and

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16           WHEREAS, feral chickens create road hazards, spread disease  
17 to domestic animals and native wildlife, and lead to frequent  
18 noise complaints; now, therefore,

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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
22 2020, that the head of the Department of Agriculture Plant  
23 Industry Division is requested to study and evaluate the need to  
24 designate feral chickens as a "pest for control or eradication"  
25 or to create a new designation for feral chickens that allows  
26 residents to treat chickens like rats and similar pests; and


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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
29 is urged to develop a program to eradicate the State's feral  
30 chicken population; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 3 Agriculture and Head of the Department of Agriculture Plant  
 4 Industry Division.  
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