# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 322, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	"§322- Feeding of feral chickens; prohibited. (a) No
5	person shall knowingly feed or attempt to feed any feral
6	chicken, regardless of whether the feeding occurs on public or
7	private property.
8	(b) For purposes of this section, "feral chicken" means
9	any live chicken that is:
10	(1) Not in captivity; and
11	(2) Not owned by any individual or entity.
12	(c) A person who violates this section shall pay a \$500
13	civil fine for each feral chicken the person fed or attempted to
14	feed.
15	(d) The department of health shall enforce this section,
16	regardless of whether the department finds that the person's

feeding or attempt to feed a feral chicken creates a nuisance

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- 1 that is dangerous or injurious to health, as described in
- **2** section 322-1.
- 3 (e) The police department of the county in which a
- 4 violation of this section occurs may assist the department of
- 5 health in the enforcement of this section through the issuance
- 6 of a citation to the violator."
- 7 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 9 begun before its effective date.
- 10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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## H.B. NO. 524

#### Report Title:

Feral Chickens; Feeding; DOH; Police

### Description:

Establishes a \$500 civil fine for the feeding or attempted feeding of any feral chicken. Provides that the Department of Health shall enforce this prohibition regardless of whether the department determines there is a nuisance that is dangerous or injurious to health. Authorizes county police departments to issue citations.

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