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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022
9:30 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1095
RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS**

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During the pandemic, the population of feral chickens appears to have expanded, they are not only in State Parks, but also county parks, beach parks, shopping centers, residential areas and even the grounds of the State Capitol host feral chicken colonies.

State Parks does not have the training or staff experience in the capture and disposal of feral chickens and is unaware of any private sector company that engages in this activity, therefore simply establishing an appropriation amount is problematic. Due to this pervasive distribution of the feral chicken colonies, once they may be removed from a State Park, there is no means to keep them from repopulating the park unit.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

February 3, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Room 430 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1095 appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 22 and FY 23 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, to establish a program to reduce the feral chicken population in State parks.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
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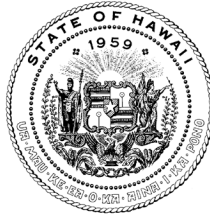
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The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Date: Feb. 1, 2022

To: Chair Rep. David A. Tarnas
Vice Chair Rep. Patrick Pihana Branco
and Members of the
Committee on Water & Land

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Comments on HB 1095: Relating to Feral Chickens
Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our comments on House Bill 1095, which appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, to establish a program to eradicate feral chickens in state parks.

Hawaiian Humane advocates for stronger enforcement against cockfighting operations as a strategy to curb the feral chicken population, prevent animal cruelty and protect human beings from associated illegal activities. Regarding the birds that are already on the landscape, we advocate for the adoption of a birth control program, which is more humane and less costly than lethal eradication.

OvoControl, an approved contraceptive bait to prevent the breeding of pigeons in Hawai'i, is also effective in chickens. To permit its use for that purpose, the state Department of Agriculture would need to submit a Special Local Need (SLN) registration to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Innolytics, the manufacturer of OvoControl has offered to help HDOA with the necessary paperwork.

We urge the committee to amend HB 1095 to require the Department of Agriculture to submit an SLN registration for the use of OvoControl to control feral chickens in Hawaii, which would have benefits for our state parks, as well as public and private landowners throughout the state. Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-1095

Submitted on: 1/31/2022 4:49:04 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lorrin Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please include conservation lands adjacent to private residences and property, in addition to state parks, as in scope for feral chicken eradication.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 6:06:18 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

I support the passage of HB 1095 to reduce and eradicate the feral chicken population in state parks. It is a public health problem for individuals and families who go to the parks for recreational and physical fitness activities. The droppings and the odors left behind on the grass, trees, and on cars parked are unsanitary. Parks have residential areas that surround it and the feral chickens and roosters go into these areas causing similar unsanitary conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of passage of HB 1095.

HB-1095

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 8:42:12 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB 1095,

Mahalo,

Barbara Barry