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RE: HCR99

Aloha House Committee on Agriculture who are hearing testimony for HCR99, Relating to Fowl. Specifically the Feral Rooster/Chicken populations in Aiea.

I am a resident of Aiea, and my family lives above the new Aiea Library, which is located at the Old Sugar Mill location. To say the least, the last few years has been a living nightmare due to the increasing feral rooster/chicken population in our neighborhood. This is a health issue, from all the droppings and fleas from the fowl; a safety concern for cars dodging the fowl as they are on our streets; and a physical, as well as emotional stress from all the crowing at all hours of the day and night!

This started becoming a major problem about 3+ years ago when the feral population became present in our neighborhood, and has subsequently increased. We were told that this began partially when an elderly neighbor was raising chickens in his garage, and many had escaped. The population established, and then exploded along the Aiea stream corridor (which was exasperated by people feeding, as they still are, along the stream), and from there the fowl began to spread to the C&C lot, then the Aiea Library, and then throughout the neighborhoods....

There have been several nests in our front and backyards, as well as our surrounding neighbors yards that we have had to remove; and the excrement is beyond describable! I have also personally seen some extreme safety issues with people walking along Hakina St. almost being hit from cars swerving to miss chickens on the road! Additionally, fleas have greatly increased in our domesticated dogs and cats from the increase in fowl.

Even more disturbing and disrupting is the content clucking of the chickens, and especially the crowing of the roosters at all hours of the day and night! As many of us are now working from home due to COVID 19, this is almost indescribable! The rooster crowing is not the Old McDonald Nursery rhyme; it is high pitch scream like yell at times at all different octaves and sound levels. At night we are constantly, awaken between 11pm-7am! We have even had to invest in double pane windows, and sleep sound machines so we could at least try and mitigate the sound levels of the crowing. The nightly/earlier morning crowing has also developed a hardship for my family. Our 12 year old son is a Type 1 Diabetic, and the constant interrupted sleep cycles from the roosters has negatively affected his blood sugar levels, as well as his schooling from being tired most mornings!

A year and a half ago we saw some relief from the sponsored pest control irradiation of the fowl, but when the funding ended, the fowl along with the associated negative aspects have exponentially increased. I urge you to pass this legislation in order to help to bring back our quiet fowl free community in Aiea

Mahalo for your consideration with this matter,



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