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Date: Feb. 4, 2022

To: Chair Sen. Lorraine Inouye  
Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran  
and Members of the Committee on Water & Land

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

RE: Comments on SB 2129: Relating to Feral Roosters and Chickens  
Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, 1 p.m., Via Videoconference

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Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our comments on Senate Bill 2129, which appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, for the eradication of feral roosters and chickens on state lands.

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 SB 2129 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 across our islands. Mahalo for your consideration.

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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2129

**February 7, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 229 and Videoconference**

**RELATING TO FERAL ROOSTERS AND CHICKENS**

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

Senate Bill No. 2129 appropriates \$100,000 in general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, to reduce the feral rooster and chicken population on State lands.

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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Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 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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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.

**SB-2129**

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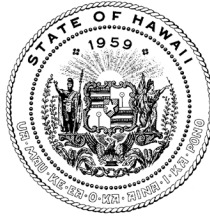
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Linda Leveen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the killing of animals who share the islands with us. They are born and live here through no fault of their own. They deserve to live just like people do. They need to be protected from us, not killed by us. Let's come up with another solution, like birth control or space for them to live where eggs can be removed to reduce the population. We are more creative and humanitarian than killing just because someone annoys us.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, February 7, 2022  
1:00 PM**

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During the pandemic, the population of feral roosters and 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 roosters and 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 rooster and chicken colonies, once they may be removed from a State Park, there is no means to keep them from repopulating the park unit or other State lands.

State Parks has been attempting to obtain Hawaii Humane Society (HHS) support in the removal of feral dogs associated with homeless, and even the HHS does not have the current resources to respond to this isolated situation.

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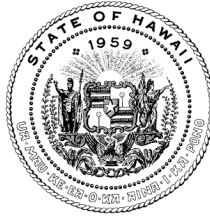
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