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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2195, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

April 1, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FOWL

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

Senate Bill No. 2195, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, establishes a five-year feral chicken population management pilot program (FCPMPP) within the Department of Agriculture (DOA); requires DOA to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the expenditure of funds for the FCPMPP and its efficacy in managing the population of feral chickens; and appropriates an unspecified amount in general funds in FY 23 to DOA for the FCPMPP.

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

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

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
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

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.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Friday, April 1, 2022
1:30 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2195, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO WILDLIFE**

Senate Bill 2195, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1, proposes to require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to collaborate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to establish a five-year feral chicken population management pilot program within DOA. **The Department offers comments on this measure.**

Chickens are considered domestic animals rather than wildlife and have in the past been the focus of county programs that deal with domestic animals and nuisance concerns regarding feral animals in communities. Although feral chickens can be hosts to numerous avian diseases including avian influenza, the Department believes this threat is not a primary concern for protection and management of native wildlife. Feral chickens are not a game species nor an injurious species and are not under the Department's jurisdiction. Feral chickens primarily cause damage to food crops, human health and noise pollution and are better managed at the county level. A pilot program to help manage feral chicken populations could help with management of this species, but the counties would need to be involved with developing such a program.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2022 8:03:43 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lainie Berry	DLNR	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

APRIL 1, 2022
1:30 P.M.
VIDEOCONFERENCE

SENATE BILL NO. 2195 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO FOWL

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2195, SD2 HD1 relating to Fowl that proposes to establish a five-year pilot program within the Department of Agriculture to eradicate feral chickens beginning in the Pearl City and Aiea areas of Oahu. The Department of Agriculture opposes this bill.

Previous versions of this measure tasked the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct the program. However, House Draft 1 amended the bill to place the proposed feral chicken program in the Department of Agriculture because DOH testified that the threat to public health was not substantiated and DOH lacked resources and expertise.

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) does not regulate feral animals, nor does it perform animal control or regulate animal nuisance. Consequently, the DOA does not have animal control experience, resources, statutes, or administrative rules for these types of activities. With respect to animals, the Department utilizes all its limited personnel, equipment, and financial resources to focus on matters within our



scope and authority that include animal disease mitigation, regulating animal imports, disease outbreak response, and disease eradication efforts for production animal industries. Additional responsibilities for a feral chicken control program would further dilute already severely limited resources. The DOA can consult and provide technical information to other state and county agencies on the limited matters within its purview, such as application and use of pharmaceuticals and pesticides. The DOA does not, however, have the expertise or the personnel resources to support the operational or field work activities needed for this project.

The County has jurisdiction for and experience in issuing and monitoring contracts for animal control on Oahu. Therefore, the County is a better program fit if they are provided funds to do so. Burdening state agencies such as DOA with animal control activities is not advisable. The DOA does not have legal or unilateral authority to enter or set up feral chicken control bait stations on private or public properties. Feral chickens are often found in residential urban areas, as stated in this measure and previous testimony from the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2022 7:46:05 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
isaac maeda	Dept. of Agriculture	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Available for questions.



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Date: March 28, 2022

To: Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
and Members of the Committee on Finance

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Community Engagement Director
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Support, with an amendment, for SB 2195, SD2, HD1: Relating to Fowl
Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Room 308 or Videoconference

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for Senate Bill 2195, SD2, HD1, which requires the Department of Agriculture to collaborate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a pilot program to manage the population of feral chickens in the State and makes an appropriation.

Feral chickens have grown in population largely due to irresponsible behavior by cock fighting operations. Stronger enforcement against those operations is an important strategy to curb this population. For the birds that are already on the landscape, however, the use of a bird contraceptive is a more humane and less costly alternative than lethal control. Hawaiian Humane has long advocated for the adoption of a birth control program to reduce the population of feral chickens across our state. We are grateful to the sponsors of SB2195 and the committee chairs who have heard the bill for endorsing that approach.

Hawaiian Humane's prior testimony on this measure mentioned OvoControl specifically as a safe and effective contraceptive bait. We understand the importance of removing the mention of a particular product from 2195, SD2, HD1. We would ask, however, that the concept of bird birth control be restored in Section 2 (a) of the bill to clarify the existence of and preference for non-lethal control measures.

We urge you to pass this bill and provide public and private landowners across our islands with a humane option for managing feral chickens. Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 12:43:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vladimir Korolev	Julie Peine Trust (Juliana Towers Apts. & Bayview Apartments)	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is long overdue and I respectfully urge that it be passed and enacted as soon as possible!

Feral fowl in the Waimalu, Aiea are have reached a proportion that is out of control. They are loud and create an on-going noise nuisance at all of hours of the day/night for our tenants at our apartment building complex.

Further, many are roaming loose on Lokowai Place, Kanuku Street and Li'ipo Street and are a serious roadway hazard. This morning, for example, we counted 14 feral fowl roaming the middle of Kanuku Street with cars having to dodge the fowl leading to an increased risks for an accident to occur.

At our buildings, tenants, guests and vendors have to dodge many areas of fecal droppings of the fowl, which is extremely unsightly, non-hygienic and very malodorous.

Further, we have invested thousands of dollars in landscaping of native plants, shrubs and trees, only to find the feral fowl have been aggressive in their foraging efforts which has led to extensive damage in our landscaped areas. Despite multiple efforts to replant, we are exasperated as the feral fowl immediately return to forage and damage the landscaped areas.

As an animal lover, I understand the concerns expressed by those who oppose this bill. However, the State of Hawaii issues licenses for hunters to hunt for deer and pigs and now there needs to be an orchestrated effort, by the State, to eradicate the feral fowl population that is occurring throughout our island state.

The feral fowl have become a major nuisance in many residential and business community areas, are a roadway hazard, are filthy and very destructive and I urge that this bill be approved, passed and implemented with high priority!

Thank you!

Vladimir Korolev, TTEE

Julie Peine Trust (Juliana Towers Apts., Bayview Apartments)

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 1:03:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Murdoch Ortiz	Mo'Bettah Handyman Services	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a business owner, I have observed that especially in the Aiea, Kapolei, Kakaako and Makaha areas, the feral fowl population is so large and out of control hat immediate action is needed to eradicate these chickens.

The feral chickens are loud, destructive and create a roadway safety hazard for everyone. Further, they can be very aggressive and their population seems to be growing to a level of being out of control.

As a business owner, it's very embarrassing to have clients and vendors come to our business and be exposed to the smell and droppings of the feral fowl over the sidewalks, walkways, etc.. It's not only unsightly, but it has a very unpleasant odor and is very unsightly.

Please approve passage of this bill and take immediate action to implement efforts to eradicate the feral fowl population in Hawaii.

Thank you!

Murdoch Ortiz

Mo'Bettah Handyman Services

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 1:35:26 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ingrid & Albert Lagunte	Makor Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support this bill wholeheartedly and urge its approval and passage!

Population control alone does not address nor correct the serious safety, noise nuisance, destructive behavior and health issues that feral chickens have created statewide in our residential and business communities.

The feral chickens are an extreme noise nuisance throughout the day and night and their fecal droppings are not only unsightly for our guests and business clients, but are extremely unhygienic too!

The feral fowl in the Aiea-Pearl City area are serious roadway hazards as they are all over the streets. Further, their foraging nature is very destructive of our gardens and landscaped areas, both at our residences and businesses.

Population control by itself does not address nor correct the destructive nature of the feral fowl nor the serious noise nuisance. The best solution to address all of the concerns of the feral fowl is eradication. In addition to eradication, we suggest additional options to include a bounty for someone to collect the feral fowl and to relocate them to farms as well as to give the feral fowl to the Institute of Human Services Hawaii for feeding the homeless population.

The State of Hawaii issues licenses for hunters to hunt deer and pigs; now its time to include a process to fully eradicate the feral chicken population throughout Hawaii!

Population control by Ovocontrol is not practical as it not only does not correct the full magnitude of issues like the noise nuisance and destructive nature of the feral fowl, but also puts other types of birds like Mynahs and Shamas at risk of being exposed to Ovocontrol.

Please approve and pass this bill and offer immediate support to the residential and business communities in Hawaii to fully eradicate the feral chickens statewide.

Thank you.

Ingrid and Albert Lagunte

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 12:50:38 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Wilkinson	Juliana Towers Apartments	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support this bill and feel that the only meaningful way to address all aspects of the feral chicken population in Hawaii is by full and complete eradication.

As a business of managing 40 multiple apartment rentals in Waimalu, Aiea and on behalf of our tenants and building staff, we are very concerned at how the feral fowl population has gotten out of control.

Daily, we are having to clean the excrement which is all over our pool deck, walkways and driveway. It is unsightly and foul smelling and tenants, visitors and vendors have to continually dodge the mess.

Further, many of our tenants work graveyard shifts and are unable to sleep during the day due to the constant crowing and cackling of the feral fowl. In addition, the chickens have been very destructive and have damaged all of our landscaped areas, including many native Hawaiian plants.

Population control sounds nice but does not address the primary concerns of many, which includes but is not limited to noise nuisance, roadway safety hazard and destructive foraging behavior by the feral fowl. Further Ovocontrol puts at risk other types of birds and if can be placed only on rooftops, this does not meet the need where the feral fowl are street side..

We strong urge the committee to approve and pass this bill and to include provisions to eradicate the feral fowl from Waimalu residential neighborhood, as well as other residential and business areas state-wide.

Thank you.

Robert Wilkinson

Juliana Towers Apartments

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 2:57:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Reves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I teach at a public school in Honolulu and the chickens and roosters are a nuisance. That is why I support this legislation.

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 8:53:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

YOU HAVE NO ONE WHO IS QULIFED TO DO THIS JOB!!

TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE'S ON:
FINANCE

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 2195 SD2 HD1

**RELATING TO FOWL
MARCH 29, 2022**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and respective committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2195 SD2 HD1.

I am submitting this testimony as an individual; however, I am Chair of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. During previous Neighborhood Board meetings, I have heard numerous complaints from residents who experienced damage to their personal property from feral chickens in their neighborhoods.

I am in total support of this Bill 2195 SD2 HD1 establishing a five-year pilot program within the Department of Health to eradicate feral chickens beginning in the areas of Aiea and Pearl City.

The feral chicken problem has festered for over the past two decades for our residents in Pearl City. Roosters crow at all hours of the day impacting families sleep and their feces are very unhealthy with droppings all over streets, fences, backyard and vehicles. There are several colonies of feral chickens in the vicinity of Pearl City High School, some of our elementary schools, the Manana and Waiawa hiking trails, lower income City subsidized housing areas.

If this bill is approved, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 will be prepared to work closely with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Resources to help make their mitigation on feral chickens a success for both Aiea and Pearl City areas.

I most strongly urge you to support and approve SB 2195 SD2 HD1 with creative, innovative and resourceful planning and implementation of this Five-year program. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 2:35:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Loomis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in support of SB2195, SD2, HD1 relating to feral chickens. As a long time resident of Mililani, I have observed a significant increase in feral chickens throughout the community in the past several years. The chickens move around throughout the area, occupying trees and other common areas and making noise at all times of the day and night, detracting from the quality of life for residents. Existing regulations rely on linking the presence of the chickens to a property owner, but this has not been successful in reducing the population. I support House Draft 1 that places responsibility with the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Karen Loomis

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March 18, 2022

The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
The Honorable Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair
and Members
Committee on Agriculture
Hawai'i State House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members:

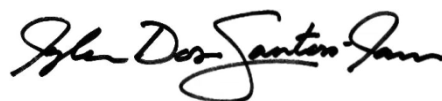
I write in strong support of SB2195 SD2, which would establish a 5-year pilot program within the Department of Health to eradicate feral chickens in the State; require the Department of Agriculture to submit a special local need registration to the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and make an appropriation.

Specifically, the proposed program would develop humane and cost-effective methods to eradicate feral chickens in urban and suburban areas, and collaborate with each county to eradicate feral chickens throughout the State. The local need registration application would be for the use of OvoControl, a ready-to-use bait that interferes with the reproduction of treated birds, causing the population to decline.

Feral chickens continue to be a major nuisance in many of Honolulu's urban neighborhoods. As the bill notes, feral chickens dig up plants, damage food crops, spread invasive weeds, and also create noise issues and road hazards. A program led by the state and supported by the counties would help immensely in getting a handle on this problem, to the benefit of residents throughout the state.

In conclusion, I urge your Committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo,



SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2022 9:44:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Streitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support a statewide program to eradicate the feral chicken population, which spans from rural to urban areas. However, I urge amending the bill to establish the program permanently with perhaps an excess funding infusion through the pilot program.

Additionally, please amend the bill to incorporate the following concepts:

- The pilot funding will be most useful to hire a statewide coordinator, or even a coordinator for each county, to work with residents to identify problems (e.g., determining responsibility when nuisance roosters cross property lines, identifying “hot spots” to target, providing education material on rules and resources, etc.). Coordinators should also assist in captures as their time permits. Expedited hiring of the coordinator must be ensured since time is of the essence.
- Allow flexibility in funding so that it can be used in innovative ways, such as to assist local start-up companies and private contractors, or to pay bounties.
- Establish a task force of residents and officials from each level of government to work on programs and policies that further assist in efficiently addressing the problem.

The McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board previously adopted resolutions directed at the City and County of Honolulu, but their content should also be considered as part of these State efforts:

1. <https://tinyurl.com/y9cxfhkf>
2. <https://tinyurl.com/fs9tuzpm>

Tim Streitz

McCully-Moiliili

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 12:55:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Henry & Gloria Ortiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We wholeheartedly support this bill and urge its approval and passage!

On Oahu, whether one is in Kakaako, Hawaii Kai, Aiea, Pearl City, Waipahu, Mililani or even Waianae area, the feral fowl population is way out of control and needs immediate action to eradicate the population.

Although ovocontrol may help in some aspects, it will not correct the problem of the feral fowl being a roadway hazard nor the constant noise nuisance, day and night!

We need the support of our Legislature to address this serious concern and to work with the community to remove the feral fowl population from residential and business areas.

Please approve and pass this bill!

Thank you!

Gloria and Henry Ortiz

Aiea, Hawaii

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 1:02:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Peine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please approve and pass this bill and moreover, expedite implementation of working to eradicate the feral chicken population throughout the State.

As a property owner, it's frustrating to have to battle the feral fowl that have been so destructive of our yard and gardens. Further, their chicken poop is everywhere and is not only unhygienic, but very fowl smelling and unsightly!

In addition, we find ourselves having to constantly dodge the chickens roaming the street and in Waimalu, Aiea, there are times we've counted clusters of 12-15 chickens in the middle of the roadway.

Please pass this bill and ensure that there are provisions to not only work on population control, but to remove and eradicate the feral population. Perhaps someone can collect the fowl and turn the over to IHS for feeding and helping the homeless?

Thank you!
Robert Peine

Aiea, Hawaii

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 3:03:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liubov Esina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ERADICATE! ERADICATE! ERADICATE!! The feral fowl population throughout Hawaii is a major nuisance and needs immediate attention and corrective action!

Over the past several years, the feral chickens have taken over roadways, are a major noise nuisance at all hours of the day and night and are very destructive of gardens, shrubs and native flora.

Population control in theory sounds nice but does not solve the major community concerns about the property damages, roadway hazards, noise nuisance and unsightly feral poop droppings all over the walkways and roadways caused by the feral chickens.

Respectfully, I urge you to approve this bill and take action to immediately bring relief to the business and residential communities throughout the state.

Thank you.

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 3:14:12 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amir Arsalon Joneidi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Efforts to correct the out of control wild chickens all over the State is long overdue and I fully support this bill and urge you to approve it!

In addition to population control, options to pay underprivileged youth organizations or groups like Habilitat to gather up the wild chickens and to take them to countryside farms or to pay someone to turn the chickens over to the States prison system of IHS-Hawaii, to feed prisoners and homeless, needs to also be considered.

The wild chickens need to be eliminated from our streets, parks and private garden areas as they are repeatedly creating a lot of damage to parks, gardens and private yards.

We need more than population control as the root concerns of being a safety issue on our streets, major noise headache and the damage to private property is not going to be corrected simply by population control. Rather, we need the wild chickens to be removed from our business and residential areas.

Please approve this bill.

Thank you!

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 5:10:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please approve and pass this bill!

The wild chicken population is a very serious issue affecting many individuals, residences and businesses all over our State!

Local communities need immediate assistance from the government to either displace these wild chickens out to the countryside (farms, etc.) or to eradicate them. Perhaps even consider to donate the wild chickens to the University of Hawaii biology department for classroom studies or give to local schools that may have farm projects? The wild chickens are a very serious noise nuisance, create a filthy mess everywhere and have already damaged, multiple times, our yard and garden and that of my neighbors and they need to be removed or eradicated so that we can regain our communities.

We need more than just controlling the population as being wild, they will hunt and scout for food and during that process, continue to damage landscaping and be both a roadway safety hazard and a noise nuisance.

Please support and approve this bill!

Thank you.

Maria White

Aiea, Hawaii

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2022 5:23:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Peine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In the past few years, wild chickens have overtaken the streets, yards and gardens throughout the Waimalu-Aiea-Pearl City areas and no doubt, in many other areas throughout the State too.

Local communities need strong support and leadership from the Hawaii Legislature to pass immediate legislation to remove these feral chickens and/or to eradicate them.

These feral chickens are creating a serious noise problem where many cannot even get a good nights rest and further, they repeatedly cause serious property damage to our yards, gardens, flower beds,etc.

We need strong, decisive action from our government leaders to completely eradicate the chickens or to take them to local farms, for example, because by giving them Ovocontrol for population control takes too long and does not address nor fix, the serious issues of property damage, noise disturbances nor street safety issue caused by the wild chickens.

Please approve and pass this bill and include language to ensure that the feral fowl, one way or another, is removed quickly and promptly throughout residential neighborhoods and business locations.

Aloha!

Sharon Peine

Aiea, Hawaii

SB-2195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2022 9:28:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2022 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bonnie Gollero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a lifetime resident of Oahu in support of a humane alternative to the management control of feral chickens.

I am opposed to the harming or eradication (killing) of these ferals.

Items A) and B) below offers a humane alternative of self-sustaining, cage-free, chicken sanctuaries for the ferals currently on the landscape.

Items 1) through 5) are laws that either need to be created, revised, or repealed, in order to permanently end cock fighting, which is the root cause of feral infestation.

According to the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS), ferals have tested positive for steroids that cock fight breeders inject to enhance roosters growth, and they incessantly dump the hens, some already fertilized, into the larger communities. Therefore, this bill, by itself, is wholly insufficient. Unless cock fighting ends, ferals will always resurface, as breeders will continue to reinfest neighborhoods with their rejects.

Please, good people of the legislature, I can not stress this enough. Management control of the ferals has to go hand-in-hand with permanent eradication of cock fighting.

Please consider these laws that can end cock fighting:

1) First and foremost, the current statute that allows an individual to own two chickens needs to be immediately revoked.

2) Those legitimate few who already own two chickens can register them with the Hawaiian Humane Society for a photo ID and ID leg band. Unregistered chickens will be confiscated and released to sanctuaries. No one will be allowed to own any additional chickens after the two are deceased. No one convicted of any cock fighting related activity will be allowed to possess a chicken.

3) Hawaii legislature can unanimously join the other 44 states that have long since established cock fighting, or any other activity relating to cock fighting, such as possessing the lethal razor gaffs, or attending a cock fight, as a Class C felony.

4) Purchase of a ticket to, or attendance at a cock fight, can carry a mandatory \$5,000 fine, because the fine must be comparable to the thousands of dollars in profit that a breeder can easily make, or that cock fighters can collect in illegal gambling.

In 2019, a convicted breeder sold 340 roosters, each for \$3,000. This is over a million dollars in undisclosed profit. Just this past June 2021, four hundred gamblers attended a cock fight where \$160,000 in cash had been confiscated.

Current laws have no deterrent effect, as most are misdemeanors, with insignificant fines of no more than \$250.

5) All chicken mills, with the exception of established, reputable, licensed farms, such as Moa Eggs, or 50th State Poultry, should be dismantled. If you take away the one commodity vital in the continuance of this abominable crime, cock fighting will cease, as without a rooster there can be no cock fight.

Legislation has to be implemented in a collective, collaborative effort with the city to aggressively enforce swift and successive arrests. According to avid cock fighters who have testified at the legislature in the past, organized cock fights are ongoing every weekend somewhere in the islands.

Confiscated monies from cock fights can be applied to create cage-free chicken sanctuaries, as chickens naturally remain in areas where fed. In the raid this past June 2021, had the four hundred gamblers been fined \$5,000, this would have totaled to \$2,000,000 in confiscated sums.

A) There are wide expanses of uninhabited state lands with necessary heavily wooded areas for foraging and roosting that could be utilized. As the average lifespan of a chicken is only seven years, this temporary donated land would eventually be returned to the state in a relatively short span of time. Roosters and hens would be in segregated sanctuaries, preferably in distant districts to one another. In general, crowing becomes inaudible beyond a quarter mile, dependent on the landscape topography. This segregation would immediately end the feral reproduction simply by separation.

B) A major part of their diet can actually come from the community (restaurants, produce farmers, grocers, hotels, school cafeterias, households) in table scraps, unused fruits and vegetables. This recycling of food waste would also be immensely beneficial in managing our overfilled landfills, as well as in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Chicken manure can be sold to farmers, or exchanged for their unsaleable produce. The cost for chicken feed would be significantly reduced.

Within a period of approximately seven years, operational costs would continuously decline as the chickens die of natural causes. Sanctuaries could be entirely or largely self-sustaining. Volunteers could be recruited through HHS.

Please give serious consideration to this humane viable solution, as it could possibly actualize with minimal or no cost to tax payers, and would be a permanent end to both the feral infestation, and the reprehensible crime of cock fighting.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Gollero

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pam Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice-Chair Yamashita,

Regarding S.B. 2195, SD2, HD1, Waikele Community Association is in STRONG support of this bill. The feral chicken problem is a serious concern for many residents in Waikele, as it is for many residents around the island, and something must be done to address this problem before it gets even more out of control.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Andes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The feral chicken problem in Waikele is getting out of hand. People continue to feed the feral chickens which allows them to continue to populate the neighborhood and the parks within the community. They are now running across the streets causing traffic problems as well as defecating on the sidewalks, in some areas it has gotten to the point where makes it impossible to walk your dog.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donald Yanagi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SD2195. The feral chicken population is out of hand, where I live in waipahu. The chicken mess up my yard and defecate all over the place. Another problem I have is I work the night shift and when I am trying to sleep the chickens are crowing at all hours of the day.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justa Question	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Noise, sanitary, and road safety concerns are a few of the many problems with the feral chicken/rooster issue. In nearly every community I drive through, they're there. Ewa Beach, Hawaii Kai, Kalihi, Stadium, Waipahu, countless others. A relative told me that when they called Humane Society, they weren't able to go onto private property. It's not just a nuisance, but a problem for those protecting their property, health, and physical safety. Destruction of yards, laying of eggs in every nook and cranny of properties, droppings and hatchings, chickens crossing the road-insert punchline here. But avoiding them on the road can prove dangerous when least expecting. Public gathering spaces, parks, etc. also have their share and they degrade the ground and the idea of having a place to enjoy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Cunningham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Feral chickens in the Waikele area are an increased nuisance in the last year or so. The crowing begins at 3am every day. In the winter months we typically sleep with windows open to enjoy the cool, night breeze. We must now shut our windows, running the ACs to keep us cool and block the noise.

We don't want to have to close up our homes, shut out the breeze and use unnecessary electricity like this just because of the noise from stray roosters.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas A Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill relating to feral fowl ie chickens primarily because of the health hazard they pose to native fowl and other animals including humans but also because of the noise pollution they cause throughout the day. We must humanly rid the islands of this health hazard.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Kitaoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I hereby submit this testimony in support of SB2195 regarding the eradication program to control the over populated feral chickens in our neighborhood of Waimalu and to include this prograam statewide. These feral chickens are destroying the foliage to control erosion on property especially on the hillside which is now exposing rocks and we had a fallen boulder in back of one of our buildings. We have seen and heard these chickens nesting, digging and the dirt, rocks are falling in the concrete ditch. Now, these feral chickens are coming down further into our parking lot and the pavilion area not to mention in our courtyards. They are known to carry mites, and spread their diseases onto our property too close to our units. I request that this Senate Bill 2195 move forward passing approvals in all legislative branches.

My apologies for this late submission.

Mahalo,

Susan Kitaoka