
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE AND CONTROL THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE POPULATION OF FERAL CHICKENS AND ROOSTERS ACROSS THE ISLAND OF O'AHU.

1 WHEREAS, feral chickens and roosters have become a
2 persistent nuisance, particularly in suburban and urban
3 residential communities; and
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5 WHEREAS, feral chickens and roosters wander into yards and
6 gardens, digging up plants, damaging food crops, and
7 jeopardizing native plants and resources; and
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9 WHEREAS, feral roosters crow at all times of the day and
10 night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by residents
11 throughout the State; and
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13 WHEREAS, droppings from feral chickens and roosters are
14 unsanitary and create a health concern; and
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16 WHEREAS, feral chickens and roosters also carry diseases
17 that threaten other animals, including native birds; and
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19 WHEREAS, the noticeable increase in the number of feral
20 chickens and roosters also creates a road hazard for drivers who
21 must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them; and
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23 Whereas, to protect Hawai'i's ecosystem, natural resources,
24 and the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that
25 the State work together with the City and County of Honolulu to
26 identify and implement collaborative solutions to control the
27 significant increase in the population of feral chickens and
28 roosters; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and the City and County of Honolulu, are requested to identify solutions to mitigate and control the significant increase in the population of feral chickens and roosters on the island of O'ahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to research and report on the following information:

- (1) Solutions to capture feral chickens and roosters, including providing free traps to members of the public; and
- (2) Steps to take once feral chickens and roosters have been captured, including collaboration with community organizations and nonprofits, private businesses, and farms; and
- (3) Costs associated with these solutions to address the increase in feral chicken and rooster populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the availability of funding, an interim program is requested to be created to provide traps to members of the public to capture feral chickens and roosters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may invite other State and City departments, as well as stakeholder groups, to join the discussion on solutions to address this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a report to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Director of Health, and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

