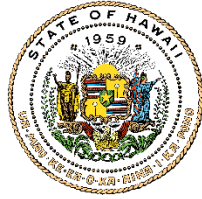


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In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46/SENATE RESOLUTION 41  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A FERAL GAME  
MAMMAL WORKING GROUP TO FIND, SOLICIT, AND DISTRIBUTE GRANTS FOR THE  
CONTROL OF FERAL GAME MAMMALS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46/Senate Resolution 41 request the Department of Agriculture to convene a Feral Game Mammal Working Group to find, solicit, and distribute grants for the control of feral game mammals. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

One of the Department's top priority issues is feral animal management, with a focus on those feral animals that cause the most harm to native ecosystems, threatened and endangered native species, and natural resources. The proposed working group could bring increased attention to this important issue which may result in increased capacity to implement control actions. Many of the solutions to control damage from feral animals are well known, but new techniques and approaches may be available, and planning and implementation funding is needed. The working group could provide a forum to coordinate with community members on this important topic. There are existing working groups for certain species such as the Maui Axis Deer Task Force. The Department participates in almost all feral species working groups and believes that collaboration is key for feral species management and eradication where desired and possible.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on these measures.