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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKEN MANAGEMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

- 1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of land and natural  
2 resources; department of agriculture; city and county of  
3 Honolulu; and counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai shall  
4 collaborate on feral chicken management projects to:
- 5           (1) Manage feral chicken populations;
- 6           (2) Mitigate the impacts of feral chickens on native  
7 habitats and ecosystems; and
- 8           (3) Reduce feral chickens' disturbance to indigenous  
9 species of wildlife and plants, agriculture, and  
10 communities.
- 11          (b) Feral chicken management shall include:
- 12          (1) A program to encourage the beneficial use of  
13 carcasses, including retail and nonprofit options for  
14 feeding the houseless and hungry, which shall include:
- 15           (A) Authority and capacity for ante- and post-mortem  
16 inspections, slaughtering, and processing of  
17 feral chickens; and



- 1 (B) Best management practices for the safe handling  
2 of a carcass from the time the feral chicken is  
3 caught to the time it is processed;
- 4 (2) Funding mechanisms to support feral chicken  
5 management, including:
- 6 (A) Sources of seed money to develop and initiate  
7 programs;
- 8 (B) Public-private partnerships to reduce reliance on  
9 public funds;
- 10 (C) Hunting fees, sales to local farms, and other  
11 cost recovery methods to subsidize costs; and
- 12 (D) Potential public and private grant funding to  
13 facilitate implementation, such as Clean Water  
14 Act funding to assist with practices to reduce  
15 reef sedimentation;
- 16 (3) Programs to incentivize the live and humane capture of  
17 feral chickens, such as a feral chicken redemption  
18 center or live capture rewards for adult chickens;
- 19 (4) Mechanisms to minimize diseased feral chickens; and



1 (5) Any other matters deemed appropriate by the department  
2 of land and natural resources and department of  
3 agriculture.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
7 establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) natural resources  
8 management specialist position related to feral chicken  
9 management.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
11 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
13 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
15 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
16 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
17 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
18 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
19 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
20 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
21 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these



1 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
2 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
3 \$                    or                    per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
4 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 5           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
6                   serve the public interest; and
- 7           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
8                   addressed by this Act.

9           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Feral Chicken Management; DLNR; DOA; Counties; Appropriation;  
Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
Department of Agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral  
chicken management projects. Appropriates funds. Effective  
7/1/3000. (HD1)

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