
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE
OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S FERAL CHICKEN
POPULATION.

1 WHEREAS, many residents in Hawaii are concerned about feral
2 chickens that create nuisances by foraging in residential areas,
3 crowing at inconvenient hours, posing health concerns due to
4 their waste, posing a potential threat to native birds, and
5 agitating household pets; and

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7 WHEREAS, to effectively deal with feral chickens it is
8 critical that the State work together with the counties and the
9 affected communities to identify collaborative solutions to
10 control the significant increase in the feral chicken
11 population; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Customer Services of the City
14 and County of Honolulu has expanded their feral chicken removal
15 service to include private property owners, who can rent cages
16 at a nominal cost; and

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18 WHEREAS, there are a wide variety of homespun measures that
19 can be taken by individual property owners to deter feral
20 chickens from entering their property, such as creating
21 barriers, using a motion sensor sprinkler or mechanical decoy,
22 and even spraying the ground with citrus or pungent herbs; and

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24 WHEREAS, OvoControl has been around for years but is used
25 sparingly, is approved and registered by the Environmental
26 Protection Agency, and has been used very effectively for the
27 control of feral pigeons in Waikiki and elsewhere; and

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29 WHEREAS, the most effective way to control the population
30 of feral chickens would be through a contraceptive injection



1 administered by a veterinarian; however, this method is costly
2 at \$150 per injection; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are a significant number of residents who
5 oppose the eradication of feral chickens, and who cite positive
6 benefits like the chickens' ability to keep centipedes at bay,
7 note that chickens do not pose a threat to native birds, and
8 that more efficient, eco-conscious methods can be used to manage
9 the population; and

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11 WHEREAS, the responsibility for responding to feral
12 chickens will vary based on the location of the birds and the
13 property ownership; and

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15 WHEREAS, there appears to be a variety of solutions that
16 can be adopted depending on needs and available resources; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is important that residents are made aware of
19 the variety of solutions available in order to make informed
20 decisions on how to best address their particular challenge with
21 feral chickens; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2024, that the Department of Land and Natural
26 Resources is requested to convene a working group to inform the
27 public about the options available to address the State's feral
28 chicken population; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
31 to consist of the following members:

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33 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
34 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, who shall
35 serve as chairperson of the working group;

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37 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
38 Chairperson's designee;

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40 (3) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;

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- 1 (4) One member of the Senate, selected by the Senate
2 President;
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- 4 (5) One member of the House of Representatives, selected
5 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 7 (6) The Director of Communications for the Senate;
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- 9 (7) The Director of Communications for the House of
10 Representatives; and
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- 12 (8) The Director of the Department of Customer Services of
13 the City and County of Honolulu, or the Director's
14 designee; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
17 to invite a representative from each of the following
18 organizations to participate in the working group:

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- 20 (1) The Nature Conservancy; and
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- 22 (2) Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
25 to identify all current solutions available to deal with feral
26 chickens including but not limited to trapping, contraceptives,
27 home remedies, and sanctuaries; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
30 to determine the most effective means of communicating
31 information to the public, whether through public service
32 announcements, print media, social media, or another method, and
33 determine the best sources of revenue to communicate this
34 information; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
37 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
38 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
40 of 2025; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Board of
4 Agriculture; Director of Health; Director of the Department of
5 Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu; State
6 Director of The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii and Palmyra; and
7 President of Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions.
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