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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the report in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution 92, HD1 requesting a working group to identify solutions to mitigate and control the population of feral chickens on the Island of Oahu. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/meetings-reports/legislative-reports/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hurd".

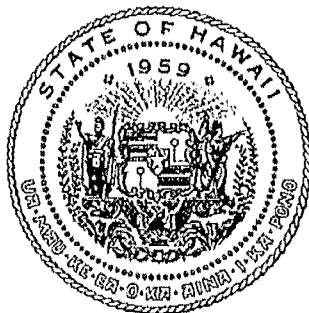
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Enclosures



**REPORT TO THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
2024 REGULAR SESSION
STATE OF HAWAI'I**

**IN RESPONSE TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 92, HD1
REQUESTING A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE AND
CONTROL THE POPULATION OF FERAL CHICKENS ON
THE ISLAND OF OAHU**



Prepared by:

**THE STATE OF HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

DECEMBER 2023

Background

SCR 92, HD1 requests that the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health and the City and County of Honolulu convene a working group to identify solutions to mitigate and control the significant increase in the population of feral chickens and roosters on the island of Oahu and submit a report no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

Actions

In fulfilling Senate Concurrent Resolution 92, HD1, the department convened a working group consisting of participation by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Department of Health, Senators, Representative and Honolulu City Council members, and City and County of Honolulu Customer Services Department.

For reference, included is the City and County program Feral Chicken Program brochure, and the following chart breaks down the current pricing structure and cost share between the landowner and City and County of Honolulu:

Service	Total Price	Landowner's Cost	City's Cost
Full Service (one week)	\$475.00	\$375.00	\$100.00
Cage Rental (one week)	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Feral Chicken Disposal	\$25.00 (per chicken)	\$10.00	\$15.00

To capitalize on the work the City and County of Honolulu had started with their Feral Chicken Project, the working group suggests the City and County of Honolulu continue their program with State assistance to further subsidize the cost and enable an even more effective program. A cost share between the State, County and Resident is suggested, such as a \$20.00 cage rental fee and full-service trap and disposal to not exceed \$100.00.

The current program dispatches the chickens and disposes of them humanely. Due to potential liability, donation to nonprofits or community organizations is not suggested. If this is pursued, it must be ensured that chickens are not just moved from one area of the island to another.

Another suggestion is a significant public education campaign. Instead of only focusing on chickens, the recommendation is to conduct a broad feral animal feeding campaign to assist with feral cats, birds, and chickens.

The working group suggests an appropriation of \$50,000.00 to the City and County of Honolulu Customer Services Department to include subsidizing the program for expansion, and another \$50,000.00 for a statewide campaign for feeding of feral animals to the Department of Health Vector Control Branch.

We thank the legislature for their assistance in this matter. Please contact Dexter Kishida via dexter.k.kishida@hawaii.gov or (808) 973-9553 if you have any questions.

FERAL CHICKENS FACT SHEET

- The Department of Customer Services is addressing nuisance issues created by feral chickens in our community by helping to bring new attention, needed resources and a strong policy voice to the persistent concern.
- Feral chickens create nuisances by foraging in residential areas, crowing at inconvenient hours, posing health concerns with their waste and agitating household pets. More roaming chickens mean more nuisances. O'ahu residents can help manage the nuisance by not feeding feral chickens and reducing the feral chicken population in their community.

Who do I contact for feral chicken and poultry issues?

- The responsibility for responding to feral chicken problems varies with the location of the animals and the property ownership. Options for dealing with feral chicken and poultry nuisances are listed below by property ownership.

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Contact Department of Customer Services to report issues on city property such as parks, building areas and other local government property:

- Email: complaints@honolulu.gov or call **(808) 768-4381**.
- Go to the Honolulu 311 webpage or app at <https://honoluluhi.citysourced.com> or download the app to file a report.

STATE OF HAWAII

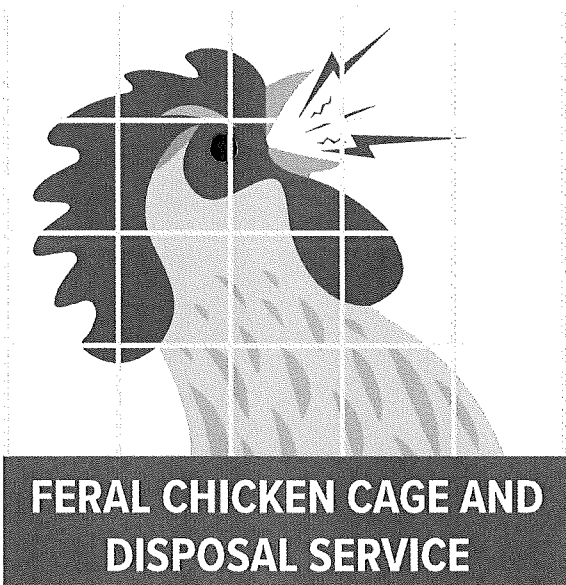
Each state department is responsible for the cleanliness of its own properties and to abate any nuisances.

Contact the state agency responsible for the property, such as the Department of Education for public schools and Department of Land and Natural Resources for state parks. For a list of departments and agencies, go to <https://portal.ehawaii.gov/government/departments-and-agencies/>.

Go to the Department of Planning and Permitting GIS webpage to locate the property and determine ownership.

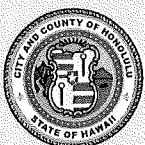
PRIVATE PROPERTY

- Private property owners on O'ahu stand to benefit from the latest efforts to help control a growing feral chicken population in the City and County of Honolulu.
- Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions has been contracted to provide a cage and disposal service to help humanely rid private properties of feral chickens.
- The city will fund a portion of the cost to private-property owners to catch and dispose of feral chickens that are creating nuisances in communities across O'ahu.
- Private property owners of all types will work directly with Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions.
- For more information on the service, visit www.sandwichisle.com, or call (808) 456-7716.



REPORT FERAL CHICKEN NUISANCES

Call Honolulu Police Department (911 non-emergency line) to report feral chicken noise nuisance or excessive poultry (more than two poultry per household).



DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES

City and County of Honolulu

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