
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 322, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 "PART . FERAL CHICKENS

5 §322-A Definitions. As used in this part:

6 "Department" means the department of health.

7 "Feral chicken" means any live chicken that is not:

8 (1) In captivity; and

9 (2) Owned by any individual or entity.

10 §322-B Removal of feral chickens; powers; penalties. (a)

11 The department and each county may:

12 (1) Use electronic devices to trap and remove feral
13 chickens, including electronic sensors and other
14 remote-monitoring technologies; and

15 (2) Employ a feral chicken removal coordinator to manage
16 the trapping and removal of feral chickens in urban
17 areas.



1 (b) Any person who interferes with the trapping or
2 removal, or both, of feral chickens by the department or a
3 county shall be fined \$500.

4 §322-C Feral chicken complaint hotline. The department
5 shall establish and operate a feral chicken complaint hotline
6 that members of the public may call to:

7 (1) Report nuisances and health hazards caused by the
8 presence of feral chickens; and

9 (2) Request removal of feral chickens."

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2024-2025 to contract the services of a third party to trap and
15 remove feral chickens throughout the State and receive feral
16 chickens from the public.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of health for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

DOH; Feral Chickens; Nuisance; Removal; Appropriations

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Health and the counties to use electronic devices to trap and remove feral chickens. Establishes fines for interfering with the trapping or removal of feral chickens. Requires the Department of Health to establish and operate a feral chicken complaint hotline. Appropriates moneys.

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