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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and  
2 roosters have become a persistent nuisance, particularly in  
3 suburban and urban residential communities. Feral chickens and  
4 roosters wander into yards and gardens, digging up plants,  
5 damaging food crops, and jeopardizing native plants and  
6 resources. Feral roosters crow at all times of the day and  
7 night, which has led to numerous noise complaints by residents  
8 throughout the State and droppings from feral chickens are  
9 unsanitary and create a health concern.

10           The legislature further finds that feral chickens and  
11 roosters also carry diseases that threaten other animals,  
12 including native birds, and a noticeable increase in the number  
13 of feral chickens and roosters also creates a road hazard for  
14 drivers who must suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them. The  
15 legislature further finds that residents and visitors need  
16 better education to not exacerbate this problem by feeding feral  
17 animals, which leads to further congregation and growth of the



1 nuisance. To protect Hawaii's ecosystem, natural resources, and  
2 the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that the  
3 State work together with the counties to identify and implement  
4 collaborative solutions to control the significant increase in  
5 the population of feral chickens and roosters.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
7 funds to the city and county of Honolulu and the department of  
8 health to implement a feral chicken control program and a  
9 feeding feral animals education campaign, respectively.

10 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
11 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
13 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
14 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
15 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
16 \$            or            per cent. This current declaration takes  
17 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
18 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
19 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
20 ceiling are that:



1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
4 addressed by this Act.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 as a  
8 grant-in-aid for the implementation of a feral chicken control  
9 program in the city and county of Honolulu.


10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
11 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for a  
15 feeding of feral animals education campaign.

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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2401

**Report Title:**

DOH; Feral Chickens; City and County of Honolulu; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the City and County of Honolulu and the Department of Health for a feral chicken control program and a feeding of feral animals education program, respectively. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

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