
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 as a grant-in-aid to each county of the State to implement
8 feral chicken control programs and appropriate funds to the
9 department of health for a feeding feral animals education
10 campaign.

11 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
12 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
14 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
15 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
16 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
17 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
18 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
19 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
20 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
21 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 \$200,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 as a
8 grant-in-aid to each county as follows:

9 (1) \$50,000 to the city and county of Honolulu;

10 (2) \$50,000 to the county of Hawaii;

11 (3) \$50,000 to the county of Maui; and

12 (4) \$50,000 to the county of Kauai,

13 for the implementation of a feral chicken control program for
14 each respective county.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by each county for
16 the purposes of this Act.

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



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

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



Report Title:

DOH; Counties; Feral Chickens; Control Program; Education Campaign; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriations

Description:

Makes an appropriation to each county as a grant-in-aid for the implementation of feral chicken control programs. Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

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