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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
HONOLULU TO APPROPRIATELY MANAGE FERAL CAT CONCERNS.

1           WHEREAS, the feral cat population has become overwhelming  
2 to the general public and costs valuable county and state  
3 resources to address; and

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5           WHEREAS, due to mating habits and frequent breeding  
6 seasons, the feral cat crisis has become a statewide crisis; and

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8           WHEREAS, trap and neuter programs are the only effective  
9 and efficient management strategy to mitigate and manage the cat  
10 population during breeding season and year round; and

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12           WHEREAS, the cat community has organized efforts to assist  
13 with mitigation methods including coordinating trap and neuter  
14 clinics, providing medical care, and working with doctors and  
15 clinics to manage negative effects caused by the feral cat  
16 population; and

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18           WHEREAS, when trained as emotional support animals, cats  
19 can have significant medical value by providing support,  
20 companionship, and comfort to persons with a disability; and

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22           WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State and City and  
23 County of Honolulu to provide resources to its residents to  
24 manage cats and cooperate with the cat community, businesses,  
25 doctors, and clinics; now, therefore,

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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
29 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to  
30 work with the Department of Customer Services of the City and  
31 County of Honolulu to appropriately manage the feral cat concern  
32 while raising awareness about trap and neuter programs; and

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34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
35 Natural Resources is requested to disseminate educational



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1 information about feral cats, medical care, and resources to the  
2 community; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
6 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of the Department  
7 of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor  
8 of the City and County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the  
9 Honolulu City Council.

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**By Request**

