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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONVENE THE FERAL ANIMAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKING GROUP  
TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE FERAL  
ANIMALS MANAGEMENT POLICIES.

1           WHEREAS, feral animals have detrimental impacts on people,  
2 native species and habitats, and the environment and have been  
3 the subject of significant community concerns, including traffic  
4 safety, damage to personal property, and effects on public  
5 resources; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the lack of a legal framework for animal control  
8 across all land ownerships and jurisdictions has led to policy  
9 gaps regarding who responds, addresses, and pays for feral  
10 animal control; and  
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12           WHEREAS, certain feral animal control measures can be  
13 controversial, and without a clear understanding of how to  
14 control feral animals, and who is responsible for the control,  
15 there have been individuals who have taken situations into their  
16 own hands; and  
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18           WHEREAS, an entity is critically needed to comprehensively  
19 review, prioritize, and make recommendations for feral animal  
20 management and control on each island, based on the best  
21 interests of the State's communities; now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
26 Natural Resources is requested to convene the Feral Animal



1 Conflict Resolution Working Group to develop and recommend  
2 statewide comprehensive feral animals management policies; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
5 the Feral Animal Conflict Resolution Working Group be composed  
6 of representatives from the following:  
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8 (1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division  
9 of Forestry and Wildlife;

10 (2) The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division  
11 of Conservation and Resources Enforcement;

12 (3) The Department of Agriculture;

13 (4) The Department of Health;

14 (5) The Department of Transportation, Highways Division;

15 (6) The Department of Defense;

16 (7) The University of Hawaii, Office of Public Health  
17 Studies;

18 (8) The University of Hawaii, Department of Natural  
19 Resources and Environmental Management;

20 (9) The Humane Society of the United States;

21 (10) The Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association;

22 (11) The Hawaii Rifle Association;

23 (12) Kualoa Ranch;

24 (13) The Nature Conservancy;

25 (14) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;

26 (15) The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council;

27 (16) The Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships;

28 (17) The Conservation Council for Hawaii;



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- 2 (18) Kamehameha Schools;
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- 4 (19) The Hawaii Humane Society;
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- 6 (20) The Maui Humane Society;
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- 8 (21) The Kauai Humane Society;
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- 10 (22) The Hawaii Island Humane Society;
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- 12 (23) The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association;
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- 14 (24) The Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association;
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- 16 (25) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
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- 18 (26) The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal  
19 and Plant Health Inspection Services - Wildlife  
20 Services;
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- 22 (27) The National Park Service;
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- 24 (28) The United States Army Garrison, Hawaii; and
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- 26 (29) The United States Pacific Command; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
29 to elect a chair and vice chair, each respectively representing  
30 different organizations, missions, and interests, from among its  
31 members by a majority vote; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the working group  
34 members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of working  
35 group business; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
38 the working group engage the services of a disinterested  
39 facilitator to assist the working group with its activities; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
42 the working group engage the services of consultants and experts  
43 to:

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- 1 (1) Provide examples of effective feral animal management  
2 programs and policies, including interagency  
3 collaboration, cooperative agreements, and memorandums  
4 of understanding or agreement, utilized in other  
5 jurisdictions or parts of the world, as available;  
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- 7 (2) Provide examples of existing and developing feral  
8 animal control methods utilized in other jurisdictions  
9 or parts of the world;  
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- 11 (3) Address historical and cultural issues relating to or  
12 affected by feral animals;  
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- 14 (4) Help identify needed resources and quantify costs and  
15 benefits relevant to management of feral animal  
16 control programs and policies; and  
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- 18 (5) Review any other areas of desired inquiry; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term feral means free-  
21 roaming and the working group is requested to determine what  
22 feral animal species should be examined, and to what extent, for  
23 the purposes of this Concurrent Resolution using an agreed upon  
24 process and criteria, including an assessment of risk to health,  
25 safety, property, agriculture, or the environment, that  
26 facilitates maximum effective collaboration towards achieving  
27 the working group's requested deliverables; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
30 the working group:  
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- 32 (1) Identify and summarize each working group member's or  
33 lead agency's concerns, role, and potential  
34 contributions with respect to better management of  
35 feral animals;  
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- 37 (2) Discuss and summarize feral animal relocation and  
38 control options and efforts with and between the  
39 departments of agriculture, land and natural  
40 resources, health, and transportation, as well as  
41 state, county, federal, and privately organized  
42 programs and policies;  
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- 1 (3) In consultation with appropriate agencies and  
2 stakeholders, analyze and summarize existing gaps and  
3 obstacles that prevent interagency collaboration,  
4 partnerships, and more effective management and  
5 control of feral animal populations, including each  
6 working group member's or lead agency's requirements  
7 for understanding and cooperating to close these gaps,  
8 overcome these obstacles, share resources and  
9 responsibilities, and develop potential solutions;  
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- 11 (4) In consultation with appropriate agencies and  
12 stakeholders, identify and describe the level of  
13 effort and methods commonly used to control the number  
14 of feral animals in a given area, for each species;  
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- 16 (5) In consultation with appropriate agencies and  
17 stakeholders, identify and describe suggested methods,  
18 forums, or outreach programs to educate the public and  
19 private sectors regarding feral animal risks, impacts,  
20 and management;  
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- 22 (6) Provide, where available, the annual costs incurred by  
23 each working group member or lead agency in the  
24 control of each feral animal species and mitigation of  
25 animal damage, and a summary of the types of costs  
26 accruing to the public and private sectors as a result  
27 of feral animals, with a list of relevant published  
28 references, including cost-benefit analyses pertaining  
29 to species of interest;  
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- 31 (7) Develop and recommend a framework and process for  
32 addressing common elements of a statewide  
33 comprehensive feral animals management policy, in as  
34 much detail as possible, with a proposed plan for  
35 addressing the more specific island and species  
36 control details based on continuing collaboration and  
37 future work; and  
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- 39 (8) Review existing Hawaii statutes and rules pertaining  
40 to feral animals and suggest appropriate state  
41 legislation or administrative rule changes to improve  
42 the administration and management of feral animal  
43 control programs and policies, including recommended



1 measures of effectiveness for these programs and  
2 policies; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
5 the working group members review the following documents:  
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7 (1) The Legislative Reference Bureau, Report No. 1, 2002,  
8 FILLING THE GAPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE  
9 SPECIES, January 2002, which is a study on policy  
10 recommendations and funding options for a  
11 comprehensive alien invasive species protection and  
12 control program for the State of Hawaii;  
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14 (2) The Interim State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for  
15 Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Research and  
16 Public Outreach, the purpose of which is to provide  
17 the framework for a statewide invasive species  
18 prevention, control, research, and public outreach  
19 program;  
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21 (3) The HAWAI'I INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL Strategy 2008-  
22 2013, prepared by the Hawai'i Invasive Species  
23 Council, June 2008;  
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25 (4) The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural  
26 Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife,  
27 TECHNICAL REPORT No. 07-01, REVIEW OF METHODS AND  
28 APPROACH FOR CONTROL OF NON-NATIVE UNGULATES IN  
29 HAWAII, March 1, 2007, to include the report purpose,  
30 assumptions, and intent with respect to objectives;  
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32 (5) The Asia Forest Network, Research Network Report:  
33 Facilitating Collaborative Planning In Hawaii's  
34 Natural Area Reserves; and  
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36 (6) The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural  
37 Resources Report to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
38 Regular Session of 2007, PLAN TO REDUCE THE STATEWIDE  
39 FERAL PIG POPULATION; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in exploring all possible  
42 solutions to feral animal control, eradication is the least  
43 desirable option; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any formal findings,  
2 recommendations, and proposed legislation presented on behalf of  
3 the working group are requested to be by consensus voting and  
4 that minority reports and dissenting positions be included in  
5 the report; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Feral Animal Conflict  
8 Resolution Working Group is requested to meet not less than four  
9 times and for reporting purposes, no later than November 1,  
10 2011, transmit to the Legislative Reference Bureau:

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12 (1) A draft of the working group's work, information,  
13 deliverables, findings, recommendations, and proposed  
14 legislation, including problems with existing statutes  
15 or administrative rules;

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17 (2) A draft of recommendations regarding the continuation,  
18 discontinuation, modification, or placement of the  
19 group, to include budgetary requirements or  
20 constraints related to continuing or modifying the  
21 working group, and recommendations regarding  
22 maximizing the working group's effectiveness to meet  
23 future work needs; and

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25 (3) A draft of minority reports and dissenting positions,  
26 if applicable; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
29 Bureau is requested to assemble, finalize, and submit the  
30 working group's report to the Legislature and Governor no later  
31 than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
32 of 2012; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
35 Natural Resources is requested to provide other necessary  
36 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to  
37 the working group; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Feral Animal  
40 Conflict Resolution Working Group are requested to serve without  
41 compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the



1 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the  
 2 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the Director of Health;  
 3 the Director of Transportation; the respective Mayors of each  
 4 County; the Director of the Office of Public Health Studies,  
 5 University of Hawaii; the Chairperson of the Department of  
 6 Natural Resources and Environmental Management, University of  
 7 Hawaii; the President of the Humane Society of the United  
 8 States; the President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical  
 9 Association; the President of the Hawaii Rifle Association; the  
 10 President of Kualoa Ranch; the Executive Director of the Nature  
 11 Conservancy, Hawaii Chapter; the President of the Hawaii Farm  
 12 Bureau Federation; the President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's  
 13 Council; the Chairperson of the Hawaii Association of Watershed  
 14 Partnerships; the Executive Director of the Conservation Council  
 15 for Hawaii; the Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools;  
 16 the President of the Hawaii Humane Society; the President of the  
 17 Maui Humane Society; the President of the Kauai Humane Society;  
 18 the President of the Hawaii Island Humane Society; the President  
 19 of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; the President of the  
 20 Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association; the Hawaii Administrator  
 21 of the Department of the Interior, United States Fish and  
 22 Wildlife Service; the Hawaii Area Director, United States  
 23 Department of Agriculture; the Pacific Area Director, United  
 24 States Department of the Interior - National Park Service; the  
 25 Commander, United States Army Garrison, Hawaii; and the  
 26 Commander of the United States Pacific Command.

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