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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH
A STATEWIDE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE POPULATION OF
FERAL UNGULATES ON PUBLIC LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, overpopulation of feral ungulates causes
2 destruction to our natural environment by destroying crops and
3 watersheds; and

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5 WHEREAS, the feral ungulate population reproduces quickly
6 in areas that see very few hunters which has led to a
7 significant increase in their population; and

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9 WHEREAS, many of the areas identified as needing greater
10 control of feral ungulates are areas where public hunting access
11 is limited or restricted, such as populated areas where the
12 safety of other recreational users may be at risk or areas
13 surrounded by private lands not accessible by the public; and

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15 WHEREAS, hunting is allowed and encouraged in almost all of
16 the one million acres of lands managed by the Division of
17 Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural
18 Resources; and

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20 WHEREAS, hunting is encouraged in areas managed for
21 sustainable game hunting as well as areas where control of feral
22 ungulates is the management goal; and

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24 WHEREAS, enhancing access to public lands for recreational
25 and subsistence hunting is a priority; and

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27 WHEREAS, recently the Department of Land and Natural
28 Resources established a program dedicated to increasing access
29 to public and private lands for hunting and increasing the
30 inventory of lands available for public hunting through
31 cooperative agreements with landowners, established leases, or
32 purchase of fee title; and



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2 WHEREAS, feral ungulates are designated as game mammals and
3 are therefore protected by certain laws and rules; and
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5 WHEREAS, reducing the number of ungulates takes serious
6 planning and coordinated implementation backed up by a
7 comprehensive policy that supports control; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
12 and Natural Resources is urged to work with licensed hunters to
13 establish a statewide cooperative program to reduce the
14 population of feral ungulates on public lands; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
18 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

