

---

---

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING STATE AGENCIES TO COLLABORATE WITH FARMERS, OTHER  
LANDOWNERS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO MITIGATE THE  
IMPACTS OF INVASIVE ANIMALS ON KAUAI.

1           WHEREAS, invasive animals, such as pigs, goats, and deer,  
2 can have detrimental impacts on people, native species and  
3 habitats, and the environment and have been the subject of  
4 significant community concerns, including concerns about damage  
5 to personal property and effects on public resources; and  
6

7           WHEREAS, species native to the State evolved on the islands  
8 in the absence of some of the world's more competitive species,  
9 such as sharp-hooved ungulates and carnivorous predators, and  
10 because island species do not have to defend themselves against  
11 such threats, they lose, or fail to evolve, the defensive  
12 mechanisms often found in their distant mainland relatives; and  
13

14           WHEREAS, the introduction of non-native animals that may  
15 not be able to coexist with native species can bring competition  
16 in Hawaii's ecosystems and reduce the native species population;  
17 and  
18

19           WHEREAS, invasive animals can also have an effect on  
20 resources, such as the axis deer, which eat a variety of native  
21 plants and agricultural goods of the State, and whose hooves  
22 break up soil and increase erosion; and  
23

24           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has a  
25 permit process in place for the control of nuisance animals,  
26 including those that contribute to the destruction of crops; and  
27

28           WHEREAS, collaboration between impacted landowners,  
29 permitting agencies, and experienced hunters is critically  
30 needed to make recommendations for invasive animals; now,  
31 therefore,



1  
2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
4 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that state agencies are urged to  
5 collaborate with farmers and other landowners to mitigate the  
6 impacts of invasive animals on Kauai and recommend solutions to  
7 address those issues; and

8  
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the  
10 following entities to collaborate on this issue:

- 11  
12 (1) The Department of Agriculture;  
13  
14 (2) The Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
15  
16 (3) The Kauai Hunting Association;  
17  
18 (4) The Kauai County Farm Bureau; and  
19  
20 (5) Other persons or entities, as deemed appropriate by  
21 the above entities; and

22  
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities are requested to:

- 24  
25 (1) Respond to requests from anyone on Kauai who is  
26 impacted by invasive animals;  
27  
28 (2) Develop strategies to issue appropriate wildlife  
29 control permits or conduct other strategic population  
30 management utilizing expertise of local hunters; and  
31  
32 (3) Pursue any options to create a value-added opportunity  
33 in addressing invasive animals, such as using meat  
34 from those invasive animals as a commodity; and

35  
36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
38 Board of Agriculture; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
39 Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Kauai Hunting  
40 Association; and the President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau.

