
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
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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
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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;
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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
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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
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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,



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 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

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

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

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

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 25 (1) Respond to requests from anyone on Kauai who is
 26 impacted by invasive animals;
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 28 (2) Develop strategies to issue appropriate wildlife
 29 control permits or conduct other strategic population
 30 management utilizing expertise of local hunters; and
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 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

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 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.

