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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI
INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE
ANIMALS IN 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, an entity is critically needed to comprehensively
25 review, prioritize, and make recommendations for invasive
26 animals, and develop a strategy that can be implemented
27 statewide; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Agriculture is requested to establish a Kauai Invasive Species
3 Task Force that will study the issues and impacts of invasive
4 animals in Kauai and recommend a comprehensive plan that
5 addresses those issues; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the
8 following persons to be members of the Task Force:

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- 10 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
11 Chairperson's representative who shall have knowledge
12 of agriculture in Kauai, who is requested to serve as
13 the Chairperson of the Task Force;
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- 15 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
16 Resources, or the Chairperson's representative who
17 shall have knowledge of Kauai's natural resources;
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- 19 (3) One representative from the Planning Department of the
20 County of Kauai;
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- 22 (4) One representative from the Kauai Visitors Bureau;
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- 24 (5) One representative from the Kauai Invasive Species
25 Committee;
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- 27 (6) One representative from the Kauai Humane Society;
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- 29 (7) One representative from the Kauai Hunting Association;
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- 31 (8) One representative from the Kauai County Farm Bureau;
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- 34 (9) Other persons, as deemed appropriate by the
35 Chairperson of the Task Force; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing its comprehensive
39 plan, the Task Force is requested to:

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- 41 (1) Collect data in Kauai on who is impacted by invasive
animals and what the impacts are on those affected;



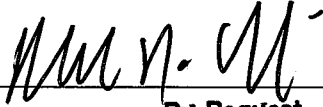
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1 (2) Develop strategies and establish priorities in
2 addressing the issues raised from the collected data;
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5 (3) Pursue any options to create a value-added opportunity
6 in addressing invasive animals, such as using meat
7 from those invasive animals as a commodity; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
10 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
11 its comprehensive plan and any proposed legislation, to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2019; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
17 Board of Agriculture; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and
18 Natural Resources; the Director of Planning of the County of
19 Kauai; the Executive Director of the Kauai Visitors Bureau; the
20 Committee Chair of the Kauai Invasive Species Committee; the
21 Executive Director of the Kauai Humane Society; the Chairperson
22 of the Kauai Hunting Association; and the President of the Kauai
23 Farm Bureau.
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OFFERED BY:  _____
By Request

