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SENATE 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,
31 that the Department of Agriculture is requested to establish a
32 Kauai Invasive Species Task Force that will study the issues and



1 impacts of invasive animals in Kauai and recommend a
2 comprehensive plan that addresses those issues; and

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

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

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



