

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 576

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 576  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIRDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the feeding of  
excessive numbers of feral birds without requiring the Department  
of Health to determine that bird waste is dangerous or injurious  
to health.

The Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural  
Resources, and Hawaii Pest Control Association provided comments  
on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the amendment proposed by the Department of  
Land and Natural Resources and applying the department's  
definition of "feral" to the definition of "feral bird;"
- (2) Adopting the amendment, proposed by Hawaii Pest Control  
Association, to exempt providing food to birds as a  
baiting mechanism from the excessive feeding  
prohibition;

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- (3) Establishing a task force in the Department of Health to develop a plan for the enforcement of the provisions of this measure in conjunction with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and representatives from each county;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that the presence of excessive numbers of feral birds is an urgent and statewide issue that requires coordination across multiple agencies and levels of government. Your Committee believes that the creation of a task force to create a comprehensive enforcement plan will address the enforcement concerns raised by the Department of Health in their testimony.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 576, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 576, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



