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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2195, S.D. 1

March 2, 2022
10:15 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FOWL

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2195, S.D. 1, establishes a five-year feral chicken eradication pilot program (FCEPP) within the Department of Health (DOH); requires DOH to submit a special local need registration to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the use of OvoControl; requires DOH to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the expenditure of funds for the FCEPP and its efficacy of eradicating feral chickens; and appropriates an unspecified amount in general funds in FY 23 to DOH for the FCEPP.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai‘i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB2195 SD1
RELATING TO FOWL

SENATOR DONOVAN L. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Hearing Date: 3/2/2022 Room Number: Videoconference

Fiscal Implications: Provides appropriations to the Department of Health to establish a five year pilot program to eradicate feral chickens statewide.

Department Testimony: The Department of Health respectfuly opposes SB2195 SD1 which appropriates funds to the Department to establish a five-year pilot program to eradicate feral chickens.

We concur that the feral chicken population has increased statewide and understand the problems they bring to urban and surrounding communities. However, the Department of Health is not the appropriate department and should not be the lead agency to conduct animal eradication and control measures to reduce the feral chicken population. There are more experienced and knowledgeable agencies involved in animal control.

Even with appropriated funds, the Department of Health, specifically the Vector Control Branch does not have the staff to establish and implement a pilot project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/26/2022 10:06:10 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Vladimir Korolev	Testifying for Julie Peine Trust	Support	No

Comments:

As the trustee of the Julie Peine Trust that owns multiple apartment buildings and other real estate holdings in Hawaii, we have always worked hard to keep our properties in a neat, clean and well landscaped setting. We feel that by maintaining our properties, it benefits residents and visitors alike as given our island history and culture, keeping Hawaii green and beautiful is important.

Over the years, we've worked diligently to upgrade and landscape our properties by planting ground coverings, trees and plants. It's been an expensive project but we feel well-worth it to ensure we do our part to keep Hawaii green.

Within the past two to three years, however, the feral chicken, rooster and cat population in our neighborhood of Waimalu, Aiea, has exploded to more than 60 feral chickens/roosters arouund one of our apartment buildings alone! The feral cat issue is equally out of control!

The destruction caused by the cats, roosters and chickens is overwhelming and very expensive to correct. All of our expensive landscaping efforts has been damaged by the roosters/chickens and has led to significant erosion and unnecessary run-off on to the roadway and in to the storm drains. Further, the feral roosters/chickens have presented a major safety issue in that they have foraged under our moss rock walls, brick edging, HECO underground junction box and more, leading to serious safety concerns and risks! It is extremely costly to correct the damages caused by feral fowl, especially knowning that we've done so previously, only to find the damage to reoccur to our landscaped areas.

In addition, the feral cat, rooster and chicken population presents a serious danger to humans, especially when there are chicks, as we've already experienced how agressive and terrorizing the roosters and chickens can be. Further, there are numerous health issues and risks invovled with feral cats, roosters and chickens, especially from the stench and filth of their excretment.

Some organizations have proposed to simply control the feral population by preventing further propagation. Although it's a nice concept, in reality, it's ineffective as it does not prevent the feral population from continuing to forage and cause significant and costly property damage, nor does it minimize the on-going health risks to humans.

Further, the C&C of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii, needs to assertively go back to classifying chickens and rooster as farm animals, irregardless of their quantity, and to not be allowed in residential communities. The constant crowing and cackling has been disruptive to many, especially those who work night-shifts and who try to sleep in during the day, as the chicken/rooster sounds and disturbances go on throughout the morning, afternoon and in to the early evening.

As a Trustee and owner of multiple residential and business properties in Hawaii, our annual real property taxes in Hawaii are in excess of $40,000. The island business and residential commmunity adversely impacted by this feral animal issue should have a voice and be listened to by our State and City leadership regarding this issue. The feral cat, chicken and rooster population is now out-of-control,continues to adversely impact the upkeep of our properties and continues to lead us to incur further financial costs and expenses in the upkeep of our properties.

The serious issue of feral cats, chickens and roosters is not unique to Waimalu, Aiea, only. This is an island-way, state-wide critical situation, especially in areas such as Waimalu, Makaha Valley Towers, Costco Kapolei and Hawaii Kai and throughout Kaakako.

I urge the Senate to approve this bill and to support the Hawaii residential and business community in our long-standing efforts to eradicate the feral cat, rooster and cat population in Hawaii, state-wide.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Vladimir Korolev, TTEE

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Date: Feb. 28, 2022

To: Chair Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Community Engagement Director
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Support, with an amendment, for SB 2195, SD1: Relating to Fowl
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:15 a.m., Via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for Senate Bill 2195, SD1, which establishes a five-year pilot program within the Department of Health to eradicate feral chickens in the State and makes an appropriation.

Hawaiian Humane has long advocated for the adoption of a birth control program to reduce the population of feral chickens across our state and we are thrilled that the sponsors of SB2195, SD1, and the subject committee chairs have endorsed that approach in this bill. Feral chickens have grown in population largely due to irresponsible behavior by cock fighting operations. Stronger enforcement against those operations is another important strategy to curb this population. For the birds that are already on the landscape, however, mixing contraceptive bait into feed is a more humane and less costly alternative than lethal control.

OvoControl, an approved contraceptive bait to prevent the breeding of pigeons in Hawaiʻi, is also effective in chickens. SB2195, SD1, does need to be amended to clarify that it is the state Department of Agriculture that has the authority to to submit a Special Local Need (SLN) registration to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in order to permit OvoControl's use on feral chickens.

We urge you to pass this bill, with our clarifying amendment, and allow public and private landowners across our islands to have a humane option for controlling feral chickens. Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:08:49 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cathy Goeggel	Testifying for Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

Absolutely oppose this proposed extermination

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/25/2022 4:41:19 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cynthia Reves	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A solution to this problem is badly needed. These birds are around my home and my workplace, a public high school in Honolulu.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/26/2022 11:01:38 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tim Streitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support a program to eradicate the feral chicken population, which spans from rural to urban areas. However, I urge amending the bill to establish the program permanently with perhaps pilot funding.

Additionally, please amend to incorporate the following concepts:

- The pilot funding will be most useful to hire a statewide coordinator, or perhaps a coordinator for each county, to work with residents to identify problems (e.g., determining responsibility when nuisance roosters cross property lines, identifying "hot spots" to target, providing education material on rules and resources, etc.). Coordinators should also assist in captures as their time permits. Expedited hiring of the coordinator must be ensured since time is of the essence.
- Allow flexibility in funding so that it can be used in innovative ways, such as to assist local start-up companies and private contractors, or to pay bounties.
- Establish a task force of residents and officials from each level of government to work on programs and policies that further assist in efficiently addressing the problem.

The McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board previously adopted resolutions directed at the City and County of Honolulu, but their content should also be considered as part of these State efforts:

1. https://tinyurl.com/y9cxfhkf
2. https://tinyurl.com/fs9tuzpm

Tim Streitz

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SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/26/2022 11:14:40 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Majid Joneidi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live and have grown up in Waimalu, Aiea and have always had an appreciation for our community.

Growing up in the area, we never had issues with feral roosters or chickens. Now, the situation is out of control and there are feral chickens and roosters roaming, and causing damage, all over the neighborhood!

I think years back, when the C&C of Honolulu changed the policy and allowed up to 2 per residence, the intent was good but not practical, in that efforts to monitor and control were never effective nor properly enforced. I seek help from our Legislature and City Council to go back and in essence, ensure that chickens and roosters, irregardless of their quantity, remain as farm animals and not be allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Now, we have an over-population on every street, roaming, foraging, creating serious property damage. It's out of control and we need to State and City to step in and to eradicate the feral population of chickens and roosters. Many of us work long hours, even double shifts, and to not be able to sleep in due to the cacking and crowing of the feral roosters and chickens has really been an unfair burden and hardship.

I respectfully asks that you approve this bill and get started as soon as possible to help remove and eradicate the feral chicken and rooster problem. Leaving them as is, even if efforts might include to inhibit their ability to have more chicks, is not realistic nor effective as it does not correct the serious issue of the damage the roosters/chickens due all over our properties, gardens and flowerbeds.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:54:27 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
desiree s garner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have noticed in the past six months that feral roosters and hens in my residence in Aiea, HI have dramatically increased. From dawn to setting sun, there is a constant crowing daily, and I work from home so it is hard and sometimes embarrassing if I have to make a call to the mainland and it sounds like I am in a barnyard. It has never been like this before and I am not sure how they got to this area, if for food and then became pets or if they naturally traversed. Sometimes they come right outside by my window and there is not much I can do as I cannot afford to move or leave currently. Please take stronger measures to control the feral fowl population and create regulations to restore the quiet space where I am able to be at my best. I am sure I am not the only one who would love for stronger regulations or advice on how to control this nuisance.

Very respectfully,

Desiree

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 5:27:19 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michele Harman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for all that you do.

I ask that you please support passage of SB195, Relating to Fowl. I live in Makiki and the filth, noise, and traffic issues from feral fowl is terrible. They've been here for many years but the issue has gotten really bad lately. Their populations are skyrocketing and they are quickly expanding their territory. I also work in native plant gardening and watershed protection and have concerns for native species. Let's please do something now.

Mahalo for your time, michele

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:05:23 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Murdoch Ortiz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I very strongly support this bill! In fact, efforts to address the serious issues of feral chickens and roosters is long overdue!!!

I live in Waimalu, Aiea and in the area of Lokowai Place, Kanuku Street and Lii'ipo Street, there is around 55-60 feral chickens roaming the streets. In fact, each week, the population is growing and the problems associated with the feral fowl is getting worst day by day.

First, myself and neighbors have been complaining for several years now that we are not able to get any meaningful rest or sleep; the roosters jump on the fences/trees near my apartment building and crow, loudly, daily as early as 3:00 A.M.!! Further, throughout the day, from my unit on the 3rd floor, I can hear the chickens cackling throughout the day.

The feral fowl are dirty and drop their waste, with strong smells, all over the walkways, driveways and street area. I've seen them on top of the garbage cans of adjacent properties creating havoc and damage as they tear open trash bags and scatter the trash all over Kanuku Street.

The feral fowl population in Waimalu, Aiea, and in fact, Statewide, needs to be eradicated or, collect the feral fowl and taken the fowl to the countryside on a farm! They are destructive and have created so much damage to the buildings easements, gardens, flower-beds, swimming pool, etc..

Further, I urge our Legislative leaders to pursue action to ensure that all chickens and roosters, regardless of the quantity, remain on the farm and NOT in residential communities.

Please, Senators, I urge you to support and to pass Bill 2195 so that the public can regain control of our community!

Thank you!

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:23:44 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robert Peine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is long over-due and I fully support any and all efforts to eradicate all areas in the State of Hawaii the feral fowl (Chicken and Roosters) population. They belong on a farm and not in residential nor business neighborhoods.

As someone born and raised in the Islands, I value our island states natural beauty. I live in an older neighborhood, Waimalu, Aiea, and over the years, the community has joined together to work hard in keeping our neighborhood clean, attractive and safe! However, over the past few years, the feral fowl population has grown out of control and has taken over the neighborhood!! They are aggressive, especially if chicks are around (each week, we see new groups of chicks!!), forage and cause great property damage and leave their waste droppings and smell everywhere!

Although the overgrown feral fowl population is on every street in Waimalu, Aiea, it is worst on Kanuku Place, Kanuku Street, Lokowai Street, Lokowai Place and Lii'ipo Street. In fact, it's not unique to Waimalu; everywhere I go, especially in areas like Makaha, Pearl City and Kakaako, the feral fowl population has overtaken the community, creating a lot of property damage along the way!

Efforts to simply minimize the fowl's ability to propagate is meaningless and a waste of effort; the feral chickens and roosters are destructive , a health hazard to humans and create a mess just about everywhere!

Further, as a disabled vet, I work hard to keep myself healthy and yet, I've not been able for several years now to get a good night's sleep, as the Roosters are up in our mango trees and crow as early as 3:15 AM, daily!!

Senators, the feral fowl population on Oahu and in fact, Statewide, is out of control and we need immediate assistance by the State and C&C to eradicate the feral fowl population in Hawaii!

Respectfully, I urge you to support and to pass this bill!

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:37:55 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jeffrey Moore	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As as resident of Lukepane Avenue, we have recently had two roosters in our area who have been disturbing my neighbors and I every morning, and it has been a big inconvenience. Not only do we have to deal with the incredibly loud garbage trucks twice a week, but now we also have to deal with being woken up very early every morning, disrupting our sleep schedule. My neighbor has brough to my attention that there is a possibility of being provided traps to move the roosters to an area that can better provide for them, and I would be happy to help with this. My neighbor has also told me that she has tried to contact various organizations to come and remove them to no avail. I hope my testimony will provide some clarification and help myself and other residents get our much needed rest.

Mahalo,
-Jeffrey Moore

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:52:03 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sharon Peine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I emphatically support any and all efforts to eradicate all areas in the State of Hawaii of the out-of -control feral fowl population! Feral fowl (Roosters and Chickens) belong on a farm and not in residential nor business neighborhoods!

Ever since the C&C years ago changed policy to allow up to 2 fowl per household in residential areas (3 or more on a farm), the feral fowl population on Oahu started to grow and is not fully out of control! If anything, the change in policy to allow up to 2 was at best, ineffective and should have been limited to only 2 chickens and no roosters!

Throughout the Waimalu-Aiea neighborhood, the feral fowl are everywhere and in large numbers in multiple clusters, on every street! For example, on Lokowai Street, Lokowai Place, Kanuku Street and Lii'ipo Street, each area has clusters of feral chickens/roosters, many clusters numbering 50 or more! This is insane and needs to be corrected!

Many residents, myself included, cannot get good nights sleep as the rooster are up in our mango trees and start crowing as early as 3:00 in the morning! Worst, the feral fowl are dirty and leave their droppings, and stench, everywhere!

Further, the feral fowl are destructive! They dig up yards, easements, street-side shoulder areas, gardens, etc.! The feral fowl are even foraging under walls and sidewalks, thus compromising the structural integrity of the structure and leading to serious safety risks!

Simply taking steps to limit the feral fowls' ability to propagate is meaningless and does not address the full scope of the issue, i.e, that the feral fowl is creating damage and are a health and safety risk too!

Senators, the feral fowl population on Oahu and Kauai is now out of control and we need immediate assistance from the State and C&C to eradicate the feral fowl population!

Respectfully, I urge you to support and to pass this bill and to get started immediately in helping residential and business neighborhoods throughout Hawaii to eradicate the feral fowl population. Please, start with the Waimalu-Aiea, Pearl City and Kakaako areas as it seems the feral fowl in these areas now outnumber humans!

Thank you!

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 1:05:21 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shirley Newman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I am tired; tired of trying to keep the feral chickens out of the yard, out of the stable area. These birds are digging holes in our lawn area, making nests in the grass in the horses' stalls, eating the grain leftover from their morning feeding and food for the stable cats (our natural rodent control mechanism). They also stand in the water dishes for the animals. We watch to see that the roosters don't "jump over the fence" of the hens' run so as not to fertilize the eggs we eat.

1. am desperate. We tried trapping them – even to the extent of paying a company to help. My husband tried using bangers to scare them off. am currently using non-toxic plants and spices to the extent possible. But they still keep proliferating.

We tried trapping first, and released them up the valley. We quickly realized however that we were merely making our problem someone else's. We paid a company $1200 to help us, thinking they would have a better solution. In two weeks, they were successful in trapping 2 juveniles. As for the bangers, it scared the birds for the time following the explosion, but it also excited the horses and goats. Buying/planting, watering the non-toxic plants and spreading spices have added a line to our monthly budget that we can expect to go ad infinitum.

According to the manufacturer of OvoControl, we would be able to see a 50% reduction in number of fowls by the first year and 95% reduction by end of the second year. A short-term investment for a long-term solution seems reasonable.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 3:32:30 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bonnie Gollero	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY HAS MY UTMOST SUPPORT in the humane use of OvoControl to manage the feral chicken population. Studies have repeatedly shown that OvoControl has already proven itself to be highly successful in significantly reducing, or entirely eliminating pigeon populations in many states across the U.S., as well as abroad. In every instance, there have been no adverse effects on the environment; no unintended species, bird or otherwise, were harmed; absolutely no danger to humans, or to communities where it was applied.

Just as importantly, this bill does not focus on the problem. The real nuisance is not chickens, but people. People caused this problem in the first place. How did chickens get out into the larger community? Laws need to be refined so that they actually have teeth. These irresponsible, illegal few should be identified, arrested, and heavily fined. Fines need to be so steep that cockfighting won't be considered a sport worth risking getting caught. Until the legislature puts a stop to the PEOPLE-PROBLEM, we will always have to clean up after the havoc they are continually allowed to wreak in our neighborhoods. Innocent chickens are NOT the root of the problem.

The fact that Ovocontrol will cost Hawaii taxpayers significantly less in both material, as well as labor, makes this method the most reasonable and by far superior choice, over eradication by exhorbitantly expensive poisoning, which WILL kill unintended targets, contaminate the environment, and pose harmful risks to humans. In fact, the use of Ovocontrol is far more superior to ANY other means of feral eradication, as this humane approach will not severely traumatize, infuriate, and offend those of us in the community who's consciousness upholds the most sacred and profound respect for all living things.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 4:42:27 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Liubov Esina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill and urge the Senate to pass it as well!

The feral chickens and rooster issue is out of control and it presents numerous problems and challenges for property owners, tenants and visitors!

We live in the Waimalu, Aiea area and for the last 4-5 years, the feral chickens/rooster issue has grown to such a level that it seems that the chickens and roosters have taken over the neighborhood!

Although we are animal lovers, feral chickens and rooster belong have created a lot of damage in our neighborhood. They go anywhere they want, into yards, gardens and even swimming pool areas! They forage for food and as a result, have completely destroyed all the gardens and landscaping at our building, Juliana Towers Apartments, as well as at adjacent buildings and properties.

The roosters are a major noise nuisance as they crow from early morning hours to all day and all night and the chickens can be heard cackling from great distances. Myself and many of our neighbors are so upset that we cannot even have an evening, morning or mid-day period of time without the sounds of the chickens/roosters crowing or cackling.

On Lokowai Place, there are about 50 feral fowl running all over the cul de sac; on Kanuku Street, between Lokowai Place and Lii'ipo, there are about 40 feral fowl and in the area of Kanuku Street and Lii'ipo, about 45-50 feral fowl. They have taken over the area and are a serious road hazard as we've often had to swerve to avoid hitting the birds.

The feral fowl issue is so serious that we even looked in to hiring a vendor to catch the feral fowl; however, it was quite pricey and although we were wiling to pay the price, what led us to decline the option is that the vendor would not guarantee that they would succeed in catching the feral fowl.

Senators, please pass this bill and we hope you'll start the pilot program in Waimalu, Aiea, as although this problem is state-wide, we feel our neighborhood is totally out of control with the feral fowl (and the count keeps growing weekly!).

Thank you!

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 4:54:52 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alexander Esin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thankfully, several of our community leaders have not only listened to their constituents concerns about the out of control feral fowl issue in our State, but have taken the bull by the horn to actually take action! This bill is a true gift as we've been challenged with an ever-growing, ever-irritating issue of feral fowl for years!

In the Waimalu (Aiea) area on Oahu, chickens and roosters have taken over the neighborhood! They are all over the streets, trespass in to yards, driveways, gardens, landscaped areas and so much more!

On Kanuku Street and Lokowai Place, collectively there is over 100 feral chicken and roosters roaming the street! They are not only a road hazard, as we have to dodge them all over the roadway, but they jump on to open trash bins (the old style) and rip open trash bags, scattering trash and debris everywhere!

Without a doubt, the feral chickens and roosters are a major noise nuisance and in Waimalu, they crow and cackle all day, all night and even at 0300 in the morning!

These feral roosters and chickens have completely destroyed our gardens, our yards and have dug deep holes in all areas of our landscaped property. We now have bare dirt exposed and its a waste of time and money to replace the plants as the roosters/chickens will just come back to dig up the vegetation again and again!

Please pass this bill and we urge you to start the eradication project in the Waimalu, Aiea and Pearl City areas first, as in these communities, the problem is way out of control!

Thank you!

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/27/2022 7:15:46 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You people do not what your are doing . You will end up wasting our Money on stupied things like this!!

February 27, 2022

RE: SB2195 SD1

Aloha Senators of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM) who are hearing testimony for SB2195 SD1, Relating to Fowl. Specifically the Feral Rooster/Chicken populations in Aiea.

I am a resident of Aiea, and my family lives above the new Aiea Library, which is located at the Old Sugar Mill location. To say the least, the last few years has been a living nightmare due to the increasing feral rooster/chicken population in our neighborhood. This is a health issue, from all the droppings and fleas from the fowl; a safety concern for cars dodging the fowl as they are on our streets; and a physical, as well as emotional stress from all the crowing at all hours of the day and night!

This started becoming a major problem about 3+ years ago when the feral population became present in our neighborhood, and has subsequently increased. We were told that this began partially when an elderly neighbor was raising chickens in his garage, and many had escaped. The population established, and then exploded along the Aiea stream corridor (which was exasperated by people feeding, as they still are, along the stream), and from there the fowl began to spread to the C&C lot, then the Aiea Library, and then throughout the neighborhoods….

There have been several nests in our front and backyards, as well as our surrounding neighbors yards that we have had to remove; and the excrement is beyond describable! I have also personally seen some extreme safety issues with people walking along Hakina St. almost being hit from cars swerving to miss chickens on the road! Additionally, fleas have greatly increased in our domesticated dogs and cats from the increase in fowl.

Even more disturbing and disrupting is the content clucking of the chickens, and especially the crowing of the roosters at all hours of the day and night! As many of us are now working from home due to COVID 19, this is almost indescribable! The rooster crowing is not the Old McDonald Nursery rhyme; it is high pitch scream like yell at times at all different octaves and sound levels. At night we are constantly, awaken between 11pm-7am! We have even had to invest in double pane windows, and sleep sound machines so we could at least try and mitigate the sound levels of the crowing. The nightly/earlier morning crowing has also developed a hardship for my family. Our 12 year old son is a Type 1 Diabetic, and the constant interrupted sleep cycles from the roosters has negatively affected his blood sugar levels, as well as his schooling from being tired most mornings!

A year and a half ago we saw some relief from the sponsored pest control irradiation of the fowl, but when the funding ended, the fowl along with the associated negative aspects have exponentially increased. I urge you to pass this legislation in order to help to bring back our quiet fowl free community in Aiea

Mahalo for your consideration with this matter,

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SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:19:15 AM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Heather Chapman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose BILL SB1295. This bill is very broad in its definition of “eradicate” and there should be a more defined way of explain what that means. I also believe that there should be a humane way of capturing and delivering the chickens and roosters to a shelter or farm on Oahu. I believe this bill affects more than just the population of chickens. We need to teach our children and our future generations, as well as our community, that killing innocent animals for money, is not the way to gain wealth. I believe we can use “rescue” as a better way to teach our youth and citizens how to preserve animal welfare, as well as not contribute to the violent nature of capture and kill or “eradicate”. It is not instilling peace or the well-being of other living beings. I have witnessed first-hand that chickens are “used for play and capture” without any remorse of the living animal suffering. This creates a generation of anti-social and violent values. Please protect the lives of innocent animals, and not create a bill that generates a “kill” mentality because something is a “nuisance” . Use this opportunity to teach the community ways to provide rescue and peace and not torture.

If this bill is to move forward, it would be in the best interest to install a humane treatment plan, and not “eradicate” , or kill or capture.

SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:33:13 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Iris Tamayose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I submit this testimony in support of SB2195 that establishes a 5-year pilot program within the Department of Health to eradicate feral chickens. I have lived in Pacific Palisades for 34 years and observed the uncontrolled proliferation of feral chickens in my neighborhood as well as throughout the Pearl City residential and business establishments.

The crowing begins at sunrise and continues throughout the day until dusk. Various roosters with their brood enter our yard to peck through the plants and grass. On several occasions, feral cats follow the brood and add to the noise and animal droppings. Our once quiet and peaceful neighborhood is deteriorating.

I thank you for addressing this problem and strongly request your approval of SB2195.

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SB-2195-SD-1
Submitted on: 3/1/2022 11:12:43 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
peter whiticar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members

I submit this testimony in support of the intent of SB 2195 SD1.

I am an active gardener in the Kapiolani Community Garden along with approximately 100 other grdeners. In recent years, due to the infestation of feral chickens it has become impossible to grow vegeables or food crops. the large numbers fo feral chickens eat the seeds as soon as they arre sowed and any of the plants that start to grow. All efforts at fencing/netting etc. have proven impractical.

I support the intention of this bill to eradicate the feral chickens but the proposed process it far too cumbersom, long and bureaucratic. Residents of Hawaii should be provided with information that will permit them to start to eradicate the chickens now and work to keep their number down over the long term. This bill will help achieve the latter.

The bill should be modified to instrruct the Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the counties and other agencies, to immediately provide detailed practical informaiton online on how sresidnts and gardeners can take action now to reduced the number of chickens as safely and humanely as possible. This can be accomplished with little cost or manpower.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Peter Whiticar

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SB-2195-SD-1
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Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2022 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cassandra Bridgman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I have lived in my apt for the past 12 years and never had a noise nuisance as bad as the rooster that came into our neighborhood. It has been here for about 2 months and I haven't had a decent night's sleep since. The rooster crows every morning at 2AM, 4AM, and then continually from 5AM to around 9AM. My health is becoming effected and it's making it harder for me to function properly at work and in life. I am pleading with you all to pass this bill because I don't know how many more sleepless nights I can take!

Mahalo!

C. Bridgman