
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND EWA BEACH
COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FERAL CATS IN THE EWA
BEACH AREA.

1 WHEREAS, feral cat colonies are a persistent problem across
2 the island of Oahu; and

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4 WHEREAS, feral cats prey on native birds and insects; and

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6 WHEREAS, according to the International Union for the
7 Conservation of Nature, feral cats are listed among the most
8 harmful invasive species globally; and

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10 WHEREAS, feral cats are hosts to vectors for toxoplasmosis,
11 a parasitic infection that is an identified threat to endangered
12 native species, including the Hawaiian goose, known as the nene;
13 the Hawaiian crow, known as the alala; and the Hawaiian monk
14 seal; and

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16 WHEREAS, toxoplasmosis also poses a potentially fatal
17 health risk to children and adults, especially those who enjoy
18 recreational activity at park spaces located near feral cat
19 colonies and the Ke Aina Kai playground; and

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21 WHEREAS, any ongoing attempts to reduce or eliminate feral
22 cat colonies on the island of Oahu have proven unsuccessful; and

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24 WHEREAS, individuals across the island of Oahu trespass on
25 private properties to feed feral cats, thereby contributing to
26 the persistence of feral cats on the island; and

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28 WHEREAS, the residents of Mariners Place Townhomes, the
29 only residential community that shares a property line with the
30 Ewa Beach Shopping Center, have been plagued by feral cats which
31 roam the community urinating and defecating around homes,
32 leaving strong odors and damaging automobile paint and window
33 screens; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2021, that the State; City and County of Honolulu; and Ewa
 4 Beach community, including residents, community organizations,
 5 and property owners and managers, address the ongoing issue of
 6 feral cats in the Ewa Beach area; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Humane Society is
 9 requested to collaborate with other animal rights groups and
 10 private property owners and managers, including the management
 11 company that oversees the Ewa Beach Shopping Center, as
 12 necessary to eliminate or relocate the feral cat colony located
 13 at the shopping center; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ewa Beach Shopping Center
 16 property management company, or its representative, is requested
 17 to provide regular updates to the Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board
 18 on the company's progress in addressing the feral cat colony
 19 located at the shopping center; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
 23 Honolulu; Honolulu City Council; President and Chief Executive
 24 Officer of the Hawaiian Humane Society; and Property Manager of
 25 the Ewa Beach Shopping Center.
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