
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOWL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that feral chickens and
2 roosters are a persistent nuisance in urban and suburban
3 communities throughout the State. Feral chickens and roosters
4 trespass into yards and gardens, dig up plants, damage food
5 crops, and jeopardize native plants. Feral roosters are also a
6 noise nuisance, as they crow at all times of the day and night,
7 which has led to numerous complaints throughout the State.
8 These feral fowls also create road hazards for drivers who must
9 suddenly stop or swerve to avoid them on roadways.

10 The legislature further finds that unsanitary droppings and
11 aviary parasites from these birds are a health concern. Feral
12 chickens carry diseases that threaten or kill native Hawaiian
13 birds. There is also a risk that feral chickens will spread
14 disease to domestic fowl and to other wild birds.

15 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program to
16 manage the population of feral chickens in the State.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The department of agriculture shall
2 collaborate with the department of land and natural resources to
3 establish a five-year feral chicken population management pilot
4 program within the department of agriculture that shall:

- 5 (1) Develop humane and cost-effective methods to manage
6 the population of feral chickens in urban and suburban
7 areas; and
- 8 (2) Collaborate with each county to manage the population
9 of feral chickens throughout the State.

10 (b) The department of agriculture shall submit to the
11 legislature an annual report, no later than twenty days prior to
12 the convening of each regular session, on the expenditure of
13 funds for the feral chicken population management pilot program
14 and the pilot program's efficacy in managing the population of
15 feral chickens in the State.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
19 the purposes of this Act.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2028.



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Report Title:

Feral Chickens; Population Management; Pilot Program; DOA; DLNR;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of agriculture to collaborate with the department of land and natural resources to establish a pilot program to manage the population of feral chickens in the State. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. Repeals 6/30/2028. (HD1)

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