
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXTEND THE USE OF
OVOCONTROL TO FERAL CHICKENS.

1 WHEREAS, a concern to residents, visitors, and businesses
2 across the State, feral chickens pose a noise nuisance, are a
3 potential threat to native birds, and cause other destructive
4 and unsanitary problems; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Office of the United States Department
7 of Agriculture Wildlife Services removes more than 150,000 birds
8 each year at taxpayer expense; and

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10 WHEREAS, although current bird control methods, including
11 trapping, shooting, and poisoning, help control the chicken
12 population, these birds are rapid breeders and repopulate very
13 quickly; and

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15 WHEREAS, while poisons pose a threat to the environment and
16 other animals, including pets, contraceptives are a safer, long-
17 term solution for controlling the feral chicken population; and

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19 WHEREAS, Nicarbazin has been proven to be an effective
20 contraceptive for birds, and leading animal welfare groups such
21 as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
22 and the Humane Society of the United States have advocated the
23 use of this contraceptive; and

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25 WHEREAS, OvoControl, a bait containing Nicarbazin, is
26 approved and registered by the United States Environmental
27 Protection Agency for the control of feral pigeons; and

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29 WHEREAS, as a humane, reversible, and nonlethal control
30 method, OvoControl is being used successfully by a number of
31 businesses in Waikiki to abate the feral pigeon population; and



1 WHEREAS, although it is effective in preventing the
2 hatching of eggs in other bird species, OvoControl is currently
3 only allowed in Hawaii for use on pigeons; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2014, that the Department of Agriculture is requested
8 to extend the use of OvoControl to feral chickens; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
11 is urged to file a Special Local Needs or Section 24(c)
12 registration with the United States Environmental Protection
13 Agency to allow the use of OvoControl for feral chickens within
14 the State of Hawaii; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Agriculture, Director of Health, Chairperson of the Board of
19 Land and Natural Resources, and Administrator of the United
20 States Environmental Protection Agency.
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