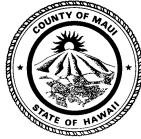


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July 31, 2026

Ms. Rogerene "Kali" Arce, Director
Department of Agriculture
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Arce:

SUBJECT: **BILL 53 (2022), CREATING THE FERAL ANIMAL
MANAGEMENT FUND** (WASSP-2)

The Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee may consider Bill 53 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 3.85, MAUI COUNTY CODE, CREATING THE FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FUND," at a future meeting.

Bill 53's purpose is to add a new Maui County Code chapter to create a Feral Animal Management Fund, which would enable the Department to optimize feral animal management efforts, including feral animal control (e.g., fencing) and feral animal harvesting (i.e., food production); promote healthy ecosystems through natural-resource regeneration and protection; and food security.

May I please request that you review and comment on Bill 53, attached, and provide any suggested revisions in writing. Please include in your comments any proposed Department fees or other funding sources that can contribute to the Fund and whether the Fund is necessary.

May I further request you transmit your response to wassp.committee@mauicounty.us by **August 17, 2026**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Ellen McKinley at ext. 7661, or Criselda Paranada at ext. 7668).

Ms. Rogerene "Kali" Arce
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane M. Sinenci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shane" being more prominent.

SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and
Parks Committee

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Attachment

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 53 (2022)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 3.85, MAUI COUNTY CODE, CREATING THE FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Title 3, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“Chapter 3.85

FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FUND

Sections:

- 3.85.010 Fund established.
- 3.85.020 Purpose.
- 3.85.030 Deposits to the fund.
- 3.85.040 Administration.

3.85.010 Fund established. There is established and created a fund to be known as the feral animal management fund.

3.85.020 Purpose. A. The feral animal management fund is established for the purpose of funding efforts by the department of agriculture to optimize opportunities for feral animal management, promotion of healthy ecosystems through natural-resource regeneration and protection, and food security.

B. Money in the feral animal management fund may be expended to pay for:

- 1. Feral animal management.
- 2. Feral animal control, including fencing.
- 3. Feral animal harvesting for food production.

3.85.030 Deposits to the fund. There will be deposited into the feral animal management fund:

- 1. Revenue from any applicable fees set in the annual budget ordinance.

2. Supplemental transfers set in the annual budget ordinance.

3.85.040 Administration. A. The director of finance must establish a separate account to record revenues and supplemental transfers credited to and expenses incurred by the fund.

B. Any proposed appropriation will be submitted to the council for approval as a budget appropriation in either the annual budget ordinance or a proposed amendment to the annual budget ordinance. In adopting each fiscal year's budget and capital program, the council may make appropriations to the fund.

C. The revenues in this fund must not be used for any purpose except the purposes listed in section 3.85.020.

D. The director of agriculture may adopt administrative rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Sham M. Sharma

WASSP Committee

From: WASSP Committee
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Rogerene Arce
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Subject: Bill 53 (2022), Creating the Feral Animal Management Fund (WASSP-2)
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Ms. Arce: Please refer to the attached letter from WASSP Committee Chair Sinenci, dated July 31, 2026. **Please respond by August 17, 2026.**

Mayor's Office: Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.