

HFC Committee

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Subject: Feral animal management

Aloha council members,

My name is Jason Hew and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of proposed bill 6.04.041 Feeding of feral animals prohibited. I support the reduction of feral cats on the landscape. I support the proposed feeding ban to reduce overall cat numbers and densities. TNR (trap-neuter-release) is not being done at the critical levels necessary to reduce cat numbers. I support cats being treated as pets, better for the cat and better for our community. I support licensing and containment of cats the same as for dogs. I support the enforcement of current laws already in place that forbids feeding of feral cat colonies in County Parks but which is not being enforced.

One topic that I would urge the committee to consider is the use of attractants (bait) for feral animals with the intent to dispatch. For example, putting old fruit in a pig trap with the intent to dispatch the pig. Attractants such as eggs are also commonly used in mongoose traps with the intent of dispatch. These activities should not be prohibited within this proposed bill. I think we can all agree that trapping and removing feral animals, especially in sensitive watershed areas, is extremely beneficial to the general public, and health of our native ecosystem. Please consider this during the council meeting.

Mahalo,

Jason Hew