

HFC Committee

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Subject: Please support enforcement of feral animal laws and feeding bans

Aloha Chair Hokama and Councilmembers,

Thank you for your time to continue to seek management options for the free-ranging cat problems on Maui.

As a resident, father, and farmer, the problems and threats that free-ranging cats pose to us and our children are unacceptable.

I support the reduction of feral cats on the landscape which is going to be a multi-step process. We need to take serious steps to accomplish this. As a first step, I support the proposed feeding ban to reduce overall cat numbers and densities. The current methods of TNR that are being done to reduce cat numbers are ineffective and not at near a large enough scale.

In addition to this new legislation, I would also like to see the County enforce the laws against managing feral cats colonies in County Parks that are already on the books and not enforced. Cats should be treated as pets, licensed, and contained the same as for dogs.

Please continue to give this issue the due attention it needs so that we may start to see a positive change in our community.

Sincerely,
Jamie Davidson