

HFC Committee

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Aloha,

Please find my testimony in support of "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 6.04.040, RELATING TO FEEDING FERAL ANIMALS" **attached**.

Mahalo,

Jay

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To: The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Re: PROHIBITION ON FEEDING FERAL ANIMALS (PAF 20-127)

Aloha Chair Lee and Members of the Maui County Council.

I am Jay Penniman, Manager of the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project. I am writing in support of the bill for an ordinance to amend the Maui County Code, Chapter 6.04.040, relating to feeding feral animals. The proposed amendment to section 6.04.010 adding a new definition reading:

"Feral animal" means any animal existing in a wild or untamed state or any animal having returned to an untamed state from domestication."

is appropriate and important to be included in the county code. A point of clarification may improve the definition if "non-native" were inserted before the second use of animal in the sentence. I am sure you do not intend to include our native wildlife in the definition of "feral animal."

The new section amending Chapter 6.04, Maui County Code, reading:

"6.04.041 Feeding of feral animals prohibited. No person may feed or deliberately introduce any food material, substance, or attractant directly to, or in the vicinity of, any feral animal."

is a positive step toward addressing the proliferation of feral animals at large on our islands.

I have addressed the council many times over the years about the detrimental impacts of feral mammals and birds on our native wildlife and human health. Thank you for taking this initial step toward improving the quality of life on the islands for residents, visitors, and native wildlife.

Please consider including enforcement requirements as well to ensure compliance.

Mahalo Nui Loa!