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January 16, 2020

Suzanne Case, Chairperson Department of Land and Natural Resources Kalanimoku Building 1151 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Case:

## SUBJECT: FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ON MAUI (HFC-24)

At its meeting of January 9, 2020, the Maui County Council's Healthy Families and Communities Committee discussed the topic of feral animal management on Maui. The discussion generated several questions from Committee Members relating to the management of feral animals in the state.

May I please request your response to the following:

- 1. Does the Department of Land and Natural Resources oversee the management of all feral animals in the state? If not, please identify the branches of State government responsible for managing specific types of feral animals.
- 2. Provide an update on the fencing near Keālia Pond and its effectiveness in preventing feral pigs from accessing the area.
- 3. Provide information on the process for the importation of foreign feral animals, such as axis deer, into the state.
- 4. Provide information on how the State Division of Aquatic Resources is managing invasive aquatic species, including to au, ta ape, and roi.

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May I further request you provide a written response by **Thursday**, **January 30**, **2020**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at 808-270-7886, Shelly Espeleta at 808-270-7134, or Rayna Yap at 808-270-8007).

Sincerely,

RIKI HOKAMA, Chair

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