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HB 2680-86 RELATING TO THE MONGOOSE

Statement for
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HB 2680-86 would delete present statutory provisions prohibiting the trapping killing of mongooses and requiring permits for their harboring, and would add a provision allowing the trapping and killing of those mongooses not held in zoos or for scientific purposes. This statement on this bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The present statutory provisions are anachronistic. It has long been recognized that the detrimental effects of the mongoose far exceed the beneficial ones, and the deletion of the present prohibitions is appropriate. However, we question the need to add the proposed new provision. Unauthorized killing of any creature in a zoo or scientific establishment would seem adequately covered by other statutes.