

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Louisiana Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force to study the use of Kaput feral hog bait

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of
3 Agriculture and Forestry, and the Louisiana Feral Hog Management Advisory Task
4 Force evaluate the hog toxicant Kaput, as well as any additional toxicant that may
5 be proposed in the future, prior to approval in Louisiana, as to its potential impacts
6 on wildlife and the effects of consumption of that wildlife on humans and to suspend
7 any current registration of the product until the evaluation is completed.

8 WHEREAS, feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*), including European wild hogs and hybrids,
9 commonly weigh two hundred pounds but can easily weigh up to four hundred pounds, are
10 quickly becoming the most serious problem facing land managers and hunters in Louisiana;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, feral hogs destroy crops, golf courses, levees, hayfields, tree farms, and
13 even lawns; a vector of disease for both animals and humans; are extremely prolific with
14 virtually no natural predators; and

15 WHEREAS, with their high proliferation and lack of natural predators, the difficult
16 task of management of feral hogs has sought several approaches including, expanding
17 opportunities to take feral hogs, restrictions on feral hog movement, and chemicals that act
18 as either toxicant or birth control; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency recently approved
2 the toxicant Kaput that is a bait infused with warfarin, the active ingredient in the
3 anticoagulant drug Coumadin for humans and is extremely toxic to other mammals; and

4 WHEREAS, Kaput was registered by the manufacturer with the Department of
5 Agriculture and Forestry as a pesticide on February 14, 2017, which must be done annually
6 for the product to be sold or distributed in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, in order to reduce the risk to other mammals, the directions for the use
8 of Kaput restricts the application only in hog feeders with lids weighing eight to ten pounds;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, concerns exist relative to the effects of Kaput on other mammals that
11 eat bait dropped or scattered by the hogs; effects on the Louisiana black bear, only recently
12 taken off the endangered species list, that may be able to access hog feeders; and the
13 likelihood of misuse of the product by simply spreading Kaput on the ground; and

14 WHEREAS, concerns also exist that, unlike other toxicants studied like sodium
15 nitrite that quickly metabolizes, Kaput bioaccumulates in the poisoned animals that could
16 lead to secondary intoxication of predators and scavengers such as bobcats, owls, hawks,
17 eagles and vultures, or could affect humans that may also be taking Coumadin; and

18 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force
19 recommended in their report dated February 1, 2017, that all feral hog toxicants must be
20 evaluated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to ensure imposition of minimal risk
21 to other wildlife species prior to the registration and legalization of the toxicant for use in
22 Louisiana; and

23 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission also passed a
24 resolution at their February 2017 meeting recommending that prior to Kaput's approval for
25 use in Louisiana, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture
26 and Forestry, and the Louisiana Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force adequately
27 evaluate Kaput.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture
30 and Forestry, and the Louisiana Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force evaluate the

1 hog toxicant Kaput, as well as any additional toxicants that may be proposed in the future,
2 prior to approval in Louisiana, as to its potential impacts on wildlife and the effects of
3 consumption of that wildlife on humans.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of agriculture should suspend
5 the registration of the hog toxicant Kaput until the evaluation is completed.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
7 to the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the secretary of the
8 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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