

HB 2703 -- FERAL HOG CONTROL

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This bill authorizes the governing body of any county to establish a county feral hog task force. The task force must create goals and a plan for reducing the county's feral hog population, and present the goals and a plan to the governing body for approval. The task force of any county may cooperate with the task force of an adjoining county to jointly develop goals and a plan for all cooperating counties.

The Department of Conservation must establish a program to provide grants to assist counties in reducing the feral hog population. A county that has adopted goals and a plan may apply to the department for a grant of at least \$20,000. If the county's application fulfills all the grant requirements, the department must provide a grant to the county.

The provisions of this program will sunset six years after the effective date.