
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds that:

2 (1) Introduced game mammals are a significant threat to
3 native species and ecosystems; watersheds, public and
4 private property; and human health and safety.

5 (2) The department of land and natural resources, division
6 of forestry and wildlife, has produced management
7 guidelines that designate lands appropriate for
8 sustained-yield hunting. Outside these lands, game
9 mammal control is needed to protect other resources.

10 In order to accommodate these disparate land uses, provide
11 a better hunting experience in game management areas, and better
12 protect public lands and private property, an integrated game
13 management and ungulate control plan is needed for each island.

14 Effective management of introduced game mammal species in
15 an island environment is a complex process that requires
16 comprehensive planning, monitoring, sustained intense effort to
17 achieve desired goals, and education of the public.

18 (b) The legislature further finds that:



1 (1) A greater level of state aid is needed to deal with a
2 problem that has severe long-term consequences for the
3 State's economy and the quality of land, water, and
4 other natural resources statewide;

5 (2) Comprehensive planning can improve the management of
6 hunting areas to provide a higher quality hunting
7 experience in the game management areas; and

8 (3) With proper legislative funding, integrated game
9 mammal management and control efforts supported by
10 research, planning, monitoring, and community
11 education will bring a reduction in the economic and
12 environmental threats posed by introduced game
13 mammals.

14 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources,
15 division of forestry and wildlife, shall develop and produce
16 game mammal management and control plans for each island,
17 beginning with the island of Oahu. In the course of developing
18 the game mammal management and control plans, the division of
19 forestry and wildlife shall collaborate with and seek input from
20 hunters who use the game mammal management areas.

21 Game mammal management and control plans for each island
22 shall:



- 1 (1) Set management objectives, including interim and long-
2 term goals, a timeframe for achieving the goals, and
3 indicators for measuring performance;
- 4 (2) Address all areas where game mammals are present;
- 5 (3) Clearly define and map the areas considered
6 appropriate for sustained-yield hunting;
- 7 (4) Provide estimates for the number and job descriptions
8 of staff responsible for effective management of these
9 hunting areas;
- 10 (5) Provide estimates for the number and job descriptions
11 of staff responsible for effective study and control
12 of game mammals outside sustained-yield hunting areas;
- 13 (6) Prioritize non-hunting areas for control actions to
14 protect important natural resources;
- 15 (7) Educate land managers and owners, and relevant
16 individuals and organizations on game mammal impacts
17 and ensure skilled and effective participation in
18 control activities and public outreach;
- 19 (8) Educate and work with hunters who use the game mammal
20 management areas to ensure skilled and effective
21 participation in control activities; and



1 (9) Provide guidelines for public outreach activities and
2 staffing.

3 The game mammal management and control plans for each
4 island shall be periodically updated to account for any changes
5 relating to the management, implementation, and enforcement of
6 rules, or activities of the game mammal management areas. In
7 updating the game mammal management and control plans for each
8 island, the department of land and natural resources, division
9 of forestry and wildlife, shall provide opportunities for
10 hunters who use the game mammal management areas to contribute
11 input and any concerns with respect to the game mammal
12 management areas.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$180,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2008-2009 to the department of land and natural resources,
18 division of forestry and wildlife, for the support and
19 implementation of research and planning for game mammal
20 management and control and to produce game mammal management and
21 control plans.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources,
4 division of forestry and wildlife, shall submit to the
5 legislature a report on its activities under this Act no later
6 than twenty days before the convening of the 2008 regular
7 session and every year thereafter. The department shall submit
8 to the legislature game mammal management and control plans for
9 Oahu and for as many other islands as it may have developed such
10 plans no later than twenty days before the convening of the 2009
11 regular session.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Game Management; Fences

Description:

Makes appropriations for game mammal management and control planning. (SD1)

