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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STRIVE TO EXPEND THE STATE OF
HAWAII'S FULL ALLOTMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE
RESTORATION FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of
2 September 2, 1937, provides federal aid to states for management
3 and restoration of wildlife; and
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5 WHEREAS, funds from an eleven per cent excise tax on
6 sporting arms and ammunition are appropriated to the Secretary
7 of the Interior and apportioned to states on a formula basis for
8 paying up to seventy-five per cent of the cost approved projects
9 including acquisition and improvement of wildlife habitat,
10 introduction of wildlife into suitable habitat, research into
11 wildlife problems, surveys and inventories of wildlife problems,
12 acquisition and development of access facilities for public use,
13 and hunter education programs, including construction and
14 operation of public target ranges; and
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16 WHEREAS, state matching funds are available through in-kind
17 service projects and other means; and
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19 WHEREAS, each year, the State of Hawaii does not use its
20 full allotment of federal funding resulting in the unused funds
21 being returned to the federal government for other purposes; and
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23 WHEREAS, there are many potential projects in the State of
24 Hawaii that qualify for use of the federal funds; and
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26 WHEREAS, the development of a public target range on the
27 island of Hawaii has wide-ranging community support and is
28 needed; and
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30 WHEREAS, using the federal funds allotted to the State of
31 Hawaii would be a needed economic boost for the State; now,
32 therefore,
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S.R. NO. 81

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
3 that this body requests the Governor and the Chairperson of the
4 Board of Land and Natural Resources to strive to expend the full
5 allotment of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider the
9 development of a shooting range on the island of Hawaii; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
12 Land and Natural Resources submit a report of the use of the
13 Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds to the Legislature
14 not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
15 Session of 2010; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of
19 the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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