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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO PREDATORS.

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

1       SECTION 1.   Section 183D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2   amended by amending the definition of "predators" to read as  
3   follows:

4        "Predators" means animals destructive of wildlife by  
5   nature of their predatory habits, including mongooses, cats,  
6   dogs, and ~~[rats.]~~ rodents."

7       SECTION 2.   Section 183D-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8   amended to read as follows:

9        "§183D-65   [Posting; destruction of predators.] Predators.

10   (a)   On any game management area, public hunting area, or forest  
11   reserve or other lands under the jurisdiction of the department,  
12   predators deemed harmful to wildlife by the department may be  
13   destroyed by any means deemed necessary by the department.

14   (b)   Where the predators are dogs and the methods of  
15   destruction may endanger pets or hunting dogs, all major points  
16   of entrance into the area where the predators are to be  
17   destroyed shall be posted with signs indicating that a program



1 of predator destruction in the area is in progress. Any  
2 predator may be destroyed in a posted area without claim or  
3 penalty whether or not the predator is the property of some  
4 person.

5 (c) It shall be unlawful for individuals to release, feed,  
6 water, or otherwise care for unrestrained predators on state  
7 lands. An individual who violates this subsection shall be  
8 assessed an administrative fine not less than:

- 9 (1) \$100 for a first violation;  
10 (2) \$500 for a second violation; or  
11 (3) \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

12 This subsection shall not apply to hunters that deploy,  
13 feed, or water unrestrained dogs in the course of hunting."

14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1        SECTION 5.   This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 2450

**Report Title:**

Predator Control; Natural Resources

**Description:**

Prohibits individuals from releasing, feeding, watering, or otherwise caring for unrestrained predators on state lands. Establishes administrative fines for individuals that violate this prohibition. Exempts hunters that deploy, feed, or water unrestrained dogs in the course of hunting.

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