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SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GAME MAMMAL, GAME BIRD, AND FISHING RESOURCES IN
ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND TO
PRESERVE LONG STANDING LOCAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports between eighty-five and ninety
2 percent of its food, and in the event of a natural disaster or
3 global event that prevents food shipment, Hawaii could face a
4 devastating food shortage; and

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6 WHEREAS, the practices of fishing and hunting have a long
7 history in the culture of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, the availability of fresh, locally-caught
10 fish is a basic expectation in our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, residents on the island of Molokai receive
13 approximately forty percent of their daily sustenance from
14 subsistence sources such as fishing, hunting, and backyard
15 farming; and

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17 WHEREAS, the residents of the island of Hawaii harvest up
18 to 1,000,000 pounds of game each year; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 1978, the State of Hawaii held a Constitutional
21 Convention; and

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23 WHEREAS, a proposal of the 1978 Constitutional Convention
24 removed the former section 1 of the former Article X, which
25 read: "Section 1. The legislature shall promote the
26 conservation, development and utilization of agricultural
27 resources, and fish, mineral, forest, water, land, game and
28 other natural resources."; and

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30 WHEREAS, if the amendment is purely stylistic and technical
31 in nature, and does not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of
32 any provision of the Constitution, it was approved by the
33 electorate and has become a part of the revised Constitution;
34 and



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1 WHEREAS, on the other hand, if the amendment alters the
2 sense, meaning, or effect of any provision of the Constitution,
3 it was not ratified and is not effective to change the language
4 of the Constitution; and
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6 WHEREAS, this alteration of the Constitution drastically
7 changes the sense and meaning of the Constitution, the
8 sustainability of resources, and the effect on the culture and
9 practices of the people of Hawaii; and
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11 WHEREAS, game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food
12 source, and our State's unique relationship with the ocean
13 allows us the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game
14 industry into our food security profile; and
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16 WHEREAS, policies on conservation and protection of
17 terrestrial and marine resources should promote the concept that
18 game mammals, game birds, and marine resources are an integral
19 part of our island culture; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
23 that this body recognizes that pioneered introductions, such as
24 the pig, and later sustainability introductions, such as goats,
25 sheep, deer, which are now recognized as game mammal and game
26 bird resources, should be included among the natural resources
27 recognized by the Hawaii Constitution; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the
30 conservation, development and utilization of agricultural
31 resources, fish, minerals, forests, water, land, game mammals,
32 game birds, and other natural resources; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges state
35 departments to develop and update their rules and policies to
36 integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food
37 security or sustainability strategies they employ and to
38 preserve, protect, and promote these industries to nurture them
39 into viable and sustainable economic, nutritional, and cultural
40 resources; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
4 Resources.
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OFFERED BY:


By Request

