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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes only
3 the cat and wildlife task force to develop recommendations to
4 the legislature concerning free roaming cats and their impacts
5 on native wildlife.

6 (b) The task force shall include the following voting
7 members:

8 (1) One representative from the department of land and
9 natural resources, forestry and wildlife division;

10 (2) One representative from the United States National
11 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

12 (3) One representative from the United States Department
13 of Fish and Wildlife;

14 (4) One representative from each county humane society
15 contracted by a county to provide animal care and
16 control services;



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- 1 (5) One Hawaii licensed veterinarian specializing in
2 large-scale spay-neuter of pets;
- 3 (6) One representative from a national wildlife protection
4 organization; and
- 5 (7) One representative from a national animal protection
6 organization.
- 7 (c) The taskforce shall include the following non-voting
8 members:
- 9 (1) An individual from a private organization or
10 university not affiliated with any of the agencies or
11 organizations represented by a voting member, who
12 shall be approved by a majority of the voting members
13 and shall serve as the task force facilitator;
- 14 (2) A representative of the senate committee on
15 agriculture and environment;
- 16 (3) A representative of the senate committee on water and
17 land;
- 18 (4) A representative of the house committee on
19 agriculture;
- 20 (5) A representative of the house committee on water and
21 land; and



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- 1 (6) Any additional non-voting advisory members as
2 determined by the voting members of the task force.
- 3 (d) The task force shall:
- 4 (1) Identify common goals and objectives to humanely
5 reduce outdoor cat populations;
- 6 (2) Identify the roles and responsibilities of county,
7 state, and federal agencies in humanely reducing
8 outdoor cat populations;
- 9 (3) Recommend any necessary actions, including but not
10 limited to mapping the State to identify highly
11 sensitive, native wildlife habitats with documented
12 cat predation and identifying appropriate management
13 methods including humane removal, exclusion fencing,
14 community outreach, and public education campaigns;
- 15 (4) Review policy recommendations and statutes from other
16 states or municipalities and make recommendations for
17 future relevant legislation at the state or county
18 level; and
- 19 (5) Provide estimates for any necessary funding to carry
20 out the identified recommendations.



1 The task force shall be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, and shall act in an advisory capacity to address
3 concerns of free roaming cats and their impacts on native
4 wildlife. The task force shall meet not less than five times
5 and not use a public facility for its meetings.

6 (e) Not including the facilitator, the members of the task
7 force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
8 for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the
9 performance of their duties.

10 (f) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
11 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the regular session of 2018. The report shall be posted on a
14 state-sponsored website. The task force shall provide notice
15 and hold a public hearing within thirty days of submission of
16 the report to the legislature for purposes of public comment on
17 the findings and recommendations of the task force.

18 (g) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2018.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and



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1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 2 year 2018-2019 to cover professional fees and services for the
 3 designated non-voting facilitator of the cat and wildlife task
 4 force.

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Cat and Wildlife Task Force; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the cat and wildlife task force to make recommendations regarding the humane reduction of free-roaming cat populations and their impacts on wildlife.

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