
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH LOCAL HUNTERS TO ACCOMMODATE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY NATIVE HAWAIIAN HUNTING PRACTICES AND CHANGE ITS POLICIES BASED ON THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL HUNTERS.

1 WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Department of Land
2 and Natural Resources (DLNR) pursuant to Chapter 183D, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes, include managing and administering the
4 wildlife resources and enforcing the wildlife hunting laws of
5 the State; and

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7 WHEREAS, Article XII, section 7 of the Hawaii State
8 Constitution, acknowledges the State's obligation to protect all
9 rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence,
10 cultural, and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua'a
11 tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited
12 the Hawaiian islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the
13 State to regulate such rights; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature passed Act 210, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2016, that established the Game Management Advisory
17 Commission (Advisory Commission) within DLNR, that recommends to
18 the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board):

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20 (1) Policies and criteria regarding the management,
21 protection, and promotion of public hunting in Hawaii;
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24 (2) Amendments to existing DLNR policies and procedures
25 relating to hunting; and

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27 WHEREAS, each member of the Advisory Commission, except the
28 Chairperson of the Board, is required to be a licensed hunter in
29 Hawaii and have leadership experience in working directly with
30 local hunter or shooting organizations and at least one member



1 must have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of
2 native Hawaiian cultural practices; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Advisory Commission, among other things:

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6 (1) Consults with and advises the Board on any matter
7 affecting hunting, including proposed rules and
8 regulations;
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10 (2) Assists in establishing criteria to be used in
11 determining whether an area is suitable for hunting;
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14 (3) Assists DLNR on policies, plans, and procedures
15 related to the control of game mammals, including
16 aerial shooting activities by DLNR and its
17 contractors; and
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19 WHEREAS, DLNR is engaged in aerial shooting of goats; and

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21 WHEREAS, DLNR restricts the areas in which hunters may
22 track wild ungulates; and

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24 WHEREAS, DLNR restricts the bag limit on wild goats; now,
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2018, that DLNR is urged to work with local hunters to
30 accommodate traditional and customary native Hawaiian hunting
31 practices; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is:

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35 (1) Requested to find alternative methods of eradicating
36 wild ungulates, other than aerial shooting;
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38 (2) Urged to expand the areas where hunters may track and
39 access wild ungulates; and



