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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO OFFER FREE, ONLINE HUNTER
EDUCATION COURSES OR ACCEPT THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN
ONLINE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES IN PARTIAL SATISFACTION OF
THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE.

1 WHEREAS, roughly eleven thousand state hunting licenses
2 have been sold annually over the past few years; and
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4 WHEREAS, the number of non-resident hunting licenses have
5 increased from about two hundred fifty sold in 2010 to seven
6 hundred in 2016; and
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8 WHEREAS, the retail sales of all hunting activities in the
9 State have increased from about \$17,000,000 in 2001 to roughly
10 \$52,000,000 in 2011; and
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12 WHEREAS, enrollment and completion of a hunter education
13 class is required to also obtain a hunter's certification card,
14 which may satisfy part of the requirements to obtain a state
15 hunting license; and
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17 WHEREAS, each basic hunter education class offered by the
18 Department of Land and Natural Resources includes twelve hours
19 of instruction that may be stretched over two or three days; and
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21 WHEREAS, individuals on standby may not be accepted even
22 though they are required to arrive at the classroom on the first
23 day of class at least one and one-half hours before instruction
24 begins; and
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26 WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association offers a free,
27 online hunter education course to prospective hunters across the
28 United States; and
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30 WHEREAS, the free, online course teaches new participants
31 to become safer and more responsible hunters; and
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1 WHEREAS, the course is currently offered in Connecticut,
2 Florida, and Oregon; and
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4 WHEREAS, the course will offer more opportunities and
5 flexibility for enrollment and completion for new hunters and
6 further increase the sale of licenses and safe operation of
7 firearms for hunting; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
11 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of
12 Forestry and Wildlife is requested to offer free, online hunter
13 education courses, in addition to other courses already approved
14 by the State, or accept the completion of certain online hunter
15 education courses in partial satisfaction of the requirements to
16 obtain a hunting license in the State; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
20 Land and Natural Resources and Administrator of the Department
21 of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife.
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OFFERED BY: _____



