# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that populations of game 2 mammals are growing throughout the State. Hunters are essential 3 partners in conservation efforts, helping to mitigate damage to 4 the environment that game mammals cause when they proliferate in 5 environments that they are not native to and in which they have 6 no predators. The legislature therefore finds that bag limits 7 on game mammals in public hunting areas should be lifted or no 8 longer be established. 9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the department of 10 land and natural resources from establishing or implementing bag
- 12 SECTION 2. Section 183D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended by amending subsection (a) read as follows:
- 14 "(a) For the purposes of preserving, protecting,

limits on game mammals in public hunting areas.

- 15 conserving, and propagating wildlife, the department shall
- 16 establish, maintain, manage, and operate game management areas,
- 17 wildlife sanctuaries, and public hunting areas on land under its



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- 1 control and, as it deems desirable, enter into agreements for
- 2 taking control of privately owned lands for those purposes [-];
- 3 provided that the department shall not establish or implement a
- 4 bag limit for game mammals in public hunting areas."
- 5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## H.B. NO. 1862 H.D. 1

### Report Title:

Hunting; Game Mammals; Bag Limits; Public Hunting Areas

### Description:

Prohibits DLNR from establishing or implementing bag limits for game mammals in public hunting areas. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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