
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the overpopulation
2 of axis deer poses a significant threat to the ecological
3 security and the health of local communities on several islands,
4 especially in Maui county. Axis deer overpopulation and drought
5 conditions on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai have led to large numbers
6 of widespread axis deer, which in turn has created a nuisance
7 and threat to the local community.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
9 land and natural resources' division of forestry and wildlife to
10 adopt rules and issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit
11 rate.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The department of land and natural
13 resources' division of forestry and wildlife shall adopt rules
14 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for feral axis
15 deer herd management. The rules shall:

16 (1) Establish the lands on which licensed hunters may
17 operate for the hunting of feral axis deer in
18 cooperation with private land owners;



- 1 (2) Provide that only female feral axis deer may be
2 hunted;
- 3 (3) Require the entire carcass of a feral axis deer to be
4 submitted to the division by licensed hunters;
- 5 (4) Establish the per unit rate to be claimed by a hunter
6 for submission of a feral axis deer;
- 7 (5) Establish bag limits for hunters to claim per unit
8 rates;
- 9 (6) Establish time periods in which licensed hunters of
10 feral axis deer may operate; and
- 11 (7) Establish any other parameters the division may deem
12 necessary to carry out this section.
- 13 (b) The department of land and natural resources' division
14 of forestry and wildlife shall issue funds to licensed hunters
15 at a per unit rate as determined by the division pursuant to
16 subsection (a).
- 17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Maui County; Axis Deer Herd Population Management; Rules

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife to adopt rules and issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit rate for feral axis deer herd management. (CD1)

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