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# 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:

9           (1) Appropriate funds for the department of land and  
10           natural resources' division of forestry and wildlife;  
11           and

12           (2) Establish three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE)  
13           technician positions who are supplied with the  
14           necessary equipment,

15 to assist with feral axis deer herd population management on the  
16 islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
4 the following:

- 5 (1) The division of forestry and wildlife to assist with  
6 feral axis deer herd population management on the  
7 islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai;
- 8 (2) The purchase of an Infrared Unit B2-FO for the purpose  
9 of game management and collecting and tracking  
10 accurate herd counts;
- 11 (3) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) technician  
12 positions within the Maui branch of the division of  
13 forestry and wildlife (one for Maui, one for Molokai,  
14 and one for Lanai) to assist in managing new and  
15 existing hunting areas, assist with injured deer,  
16 distribute traps to control nuisance deer, and work  
17 with ranchers to establish hunting programs or control  
18 work on ranchlands; and
- 19 (4) The purchase of three vehicles, three deer traps,  
20 three trailers, ten satellite deer collars for  
21 tracking, and other equipment and helicopter rental



1 fees required by the technicians to carry out their  
2 duties.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
4 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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**Report Title:**

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Positions; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to and establishes three full-time equivalent technician positions for the department of land and natural resources to manage axis deer populations in Maui county. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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