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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§183D-2 Powers and duties of department. The department
4 shall:

5 (1) Manage and administer the wildlife and wildlife
6 resources of the State;

7 (2) Enforce all laws relating to the protecting, taking,
8 hunting, killing, propagating, or increasing the
9 wildlife within the State and the waters subject to
10 its jurisdiction;

11 (3) Recognize that:

12 (A) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable
13 food source and play an important role in native
14 Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and
15 that striking the proper balance between the
16 management of game mammal and game bird
17 populations and sustainability of their natural



1 habitats to reduce negative impacts to important
2 watersheds areas is a priority;

3 (B) Game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable
4 food resource that require quality habitat with
5 sufficient food, water, and refuge to support
6 viable populations sufficient for hunting, and
7 game populations should be managed to reduce
8 impacts and provide benefits in reducing grass
9 fire fuel and weed control to important watershed
10 areas and native habitat, as well as to provide
11 for native Hawaiian traditional and customary
12 practice and the resources those practices rely
13 upon; and

14 (C) The State's unique relationship with the ocean
15 requires careful consideration and management of
16 land and ocean activities that prioritize the
17 public trust responsibilities of the State,
18 including the conservation of natural resources
19 for future generations and the protection of
20 native Hawaiian traditional and customary
21 practices pursuant to article XI, section 1, and



1 article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State
2 Constitution;

3 (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating facility
4 or facilities;

5 [~~4~~] (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import
6 wildlife for the purpose of propagating and
7 disseminating the same in the State and the waters
8 subject to its jurisdiction;

9 [~~5~~] (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
10 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
11 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;
12 provided that when in the discretion of the department
13 the public interest will not be materially interfered
14 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
15 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such
16 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
17 department may determine;

18 [~~6~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
19 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
20 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife



1 in the State and the waters subject to its
2 jurisdiction;

3 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
4 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
5 and decrease of wildlife in the State;

6 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning
7 wildlife recommended for release in different
8 localities, including the care and propagation of
9 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
10 purposes and other useful information, which the
11 department deems proper;

12 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
13 which may be set apart as game management areas,
14 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

15 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
16 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

17 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
18 the governor and legislature, such additional
19 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
20 objectives of title 12; and

21 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."



1 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2023, each
2 department, office, or agency of the State shall update its
3 rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing
4 industries into any food security or sustainability strategies
5 that the department, office, or agency employs.

6 (b) The updated rules and policies shall be consistent
7 with section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

8 SECTION 3. The head of each principal department of the
9 State shall submit to the legislature a report on the progress
10 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
11 that department in implementing section 2 of this Act, no later
12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions
13 of 2023 and 2024. The report shall include the department's
14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
15 legislation.

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: DKA



Report Title:

State Departments; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Gaming and Fishing Resources; Conservation; Sustainability; Food Security; Rules and Procedures; Report

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recognize that game mammals and game birds provide a sustainable food source and play a role in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, merit quality habitat, and should be managed to reduce impacts and provide benefits in reducing grass fire fuel and weed control to important watershed areas and native habitat; sustainability of natural habitats reduces negative impacts to important watershed areas; and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean requires careful consideration and management of land and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust responsibilities of the State. Requires each department, office, or agency of the State to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. Requires reports to the Legislature.

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