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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
RECOGNIZE THAT GAME MAMMALS AND BIRDS PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE
FOOD SOURCE AND THAT EACH DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, AND OFFICE OF
THE STATE INCORPORATE LOCAL HUNTING AND FISHING INDUSTRIES
INTO ITS FOOD SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY.

1 WHEREAS, supply chain disruptions and rising food prices
2 across the United States have highlighted the need for greater
3 food security and self-sufficiency; and
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5 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the food consumed in
6 Hawaii is imported into the State; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's reliance on imported food makes the State
9 particularly vulnerable to supply chain disruptions, which can
10 leave many residents of Hawaii without access to affordable
11 food; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State has taken many steps to increase food
14 self-sufficiency, including increased agricultural production;
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17 WHEREAS, it is essential for the State's food self-
18 sufficiency strategies to be sustainable; and
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20 WHEREAS, game mammals and birds offer a plentiful and
21 sustainable food source for Hawaii's residents; and
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23 WHEREAS, greater recognition of game mammals and birds as a
24 food source would greatly benefit the State's food self-
25 sufficiency and sustainability goals; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
29 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
30 to recognize that:
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- 1 (1) Game mammals and birds provide a sustainable food
2 source; provided that negative impacts to the
3 environment are sufficiently minimized or offset
4 through native ecosystem protections that merit
5 quality habitats with sufficient food, water, and
6 refuge to support viable game mammal and game bird
7 populations sufficient for hunting;
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- 9 (2) Proper management of game populations in appropriate
10 areas minimizes or reduces impacts to agriculture,
11 important watershed areas, and native habitats, and
12 provides benefits such as reducing grass fire fuel and
13 weed control to important watershed areas; and
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- 15 (3) The State's unique relationship with the ocean
16 requires careful consideration and management of land
17 and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust
18 responsibilities of the State, including the
19 conservation of natural resources for future
20 generations and the protection of native Hawaiian
21 traditional and customary practices pursuant to
22 article XI, section 1, and article XII, section 7, of
23 the Hawaii State Constitution; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each department, agency, and
26 office of the State is requested to incorporate local hunting
27 and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability
28 strategies developed or implemented by that agency; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the head of each principal
31 department of the State is requested to submit to the
32 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
33 the Regular Sessions of 2023 and 2024, a report on the progress
34 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
35 that department in incorporating local hunting and fishing
36 industries in its food security and sustainability strategies,
37 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed
38 legislation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and head of each
3 executive department.

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OFFERED BY:

