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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 that merits high-quality habitats  
14           with sufficient food, water, and refuge to  
15           support viable populations sufficient for  
16           hunting;



- 1           (B) Proper management of game populations in  
2           appropriate areas minimizes the impacts of these  
3           populations and provides benefits to important  
4           watershed areas, including weed control and the  
5           reduction of grass fire fuel; and
- 6           (C) The State's unique relationship with the ocean  
7           requires careful consideration and management of  
8           land and ocean activities that prioritize the  
9           public trust responsibilities of the State,  
10           including the conservation of natural resources  
11           for future generations and the protection of  
12           native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
13           practices pursuant to article XI, section 1, and  
14           article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State  
15           Constitution respectively;
- 16       ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Establish and maintain wildlife propagating  
17           facility or facilities;
- 18       ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subject to the provisions of title 12, import  
19           wildlife for the purpose of propagating and  
20           disseminating the same in the State and the waters  
21           subject to its jurisdiction;



- 1        [~~(5)~~] (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department  
2                deems to be in the public interest, game for the  
3                purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;  
4                provided that when in the discretion of the department  
5                the public interest will not be materially interfered  
6                with by so doing, the department may propagate and  
7                furnish wildlife to private parties, upon [~~such~~] any  
8                reasonable terms, conditions, and prices [~~as~~] that the  
9                department may determine;
- 10        [~~(6)~~] (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of  
11                charge, information and advice as to the best methods  
12                of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife  
13                in the State and the waters subject to its  
14                jurisdiction;
- 15        [~~(7)~~] (8) Gather and compile information and statistics  
16                concerning the area, location, character, and increase  
17                and decrease of wildlife in the State;
- 18        [~~(8)~~] (9) Gather and compile information concerning  
19                wildlife recommended for release in different  
20                localities, including the care and propagation of  
21                wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic



1 purposes and other useful information, which the  
2 department deems proper;  
3 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands  
4 which may be set apart as game management areas,  
5 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;  
6 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,  
7 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;  
8 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to  
9 the governor and legislature, ~~[such]~~ any additional  
10 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the  
11 objectives of title 12; and  
12 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

13 SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2023, each  
14 department, office, or agency of the State shall update the  
15 department, office, or agency's rules and policies to integrate  
16 the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security  
17 or sustainability strategies that the department, office, or  
18 agency employs.

19 (b) The updated rules and policies shall be consistent  
20 with section 183D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended by this  
21 Act.



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

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

DLNR; State Departments; Gaming and Fishing Resources;  
Conservation; Sustainability; Food Security; Rules and Policies;  
Report

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recognize that game mammals and game birds provide a food source, that striking an appropriate balance between the management of game mammal and game bird populations and sustainability of the animals' natural habitats to reduce negative impacts to important watershed areas is a priority, 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 the department, office, or agency's rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs. (CD1)

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