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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 can provide a
13 sustainable food source that merit quality
14 habitats with sufficient food, water, and refuge
15 to support viable populations sufficient for
16 hunting;



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



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

3 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Distribute, free of charge, as the department
4 deems to be in the public interest, game for the
5 purpose of increasing the food supply of the State;
6 provided that when in the discretion of the department
7 the public interest will not be materially interfered
8 with by so doing, the department may propagate and
9 furnish wildlife to private parties, upon such
10 reasonable terms, conditions, and prices as the
11 department may determine;

12 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Ascertain, compile, and disseminate, free of
13 charge, information and advice as to the best methods
14 of protecting, propagating, and distributing wildlife
15 in the State and the waters subject to its
16 jurisdiction;

17 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Gather and compile information and statistics
18 concerning the area, location, character, and increase
19 and decrease of wildlife in the State;

20 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Gather and compile information concerning
21 wildlife recommended for release in different



1 localities, including the care and propagation of
2 wildlife for protective, productive, and aesthetic
3 purposes and other useful information, which the
4 department deems proper;

5 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Have the power to manage and regulate all lands
6 which may be set apart as game management areas,
7 public hunting areas, and wildlife sanctuaries;

8 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Pursuant to section 183D-65 of this chapter,
9 destroy predators deemed harmful to wildlife;

10 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Formulate, and from time to time recommend to
11 the governor and legislature, such additional
12 legislation necessary or desirable to implement the
13 objectives of title 12; and

14 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Preserve, protect, and promote public hunting."

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

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



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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.

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Report Title:

State Departments; 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 food source and play a role in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and that striking the right balance between the management of game mammal and game bird populations and sustainability of their 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 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.

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