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SENATE CONCURRENT 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, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
30 and Natural Resources is requested to recognize that:



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2 (1) Game mammals and birds provide a sustainable food
3 source; provided that negative impacts to the
4 environment are sufficiently minimized or offset
5 through native ecosystem protections that merit
6 quality habitats with sufficient food, water, and
7 refuge to support viable game mammal and game bird
8 populations sufficient for hunting;
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- 10 (2) Proper management of game populations in appropriate
11 areas minimizes or reduces impacts to agriculture,
12 important watershed areas, and native habitats, and
13 provides benefits such as reducing grass fire fuel and
14 weed control to important watershed areas; and
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- 16 (3) The State's unique relationship with the ocean
17 requires careful consideration and management of land
18 and ocean activities that prioritize the public trust
19 responsibilities of the State, including the
20 conservation of natural resources for future
21 generations and the protection of native Hawaiian
22 traditional and customary practices pursuant to
23 article XI, section 1, and article XII, section 7, of
24 the Hawaii State Constitution; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each department, agency, and
27 office of the State is requested to incorporate local hunting
28 and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability
29 strategies developed or implemented by that agency; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the head of each principal
32 department of the State is requested to submit to the
33 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
34 the Regular Sessions of 2023 and 2024, a report on the progress
35 of that department and any agency administratively attached to
36 that department in incorporating local hunting and fishing
37 industries in its food security and sustainability strategies,
38 including any findings, recommendations, and proposed
39 legislation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and head of
3 each executive department.
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OFFERED BY:

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