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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in 2022, the State
2 received over ten million dollars in federal money from the
3 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program, also known as the
4 Pittman-Robertson Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program. The
5 purpose of the funds is to support sustainable fishing and
6 hunting and wildlife conservation throughout the Hawaiian
7 islands. The legislature further finds that in order to better
8 support local fishers, oversight of the funds' expenditures is
9 needed.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
11 auditor to conduct an audit of the department of land and
12 natural resources' aquatic resources division to determine how
13 funds received from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
14 program have been expended in the State.

15 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct an audit of the
16 department of land and natural resources' aquatic resources
17 division to determine how funds received from the federal



1 government through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
2 program, also known as the Pittman-Robertson Dingell-
3 Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program, have been expended in the State.
4 The audit shall include the recipient and purpose of each
5 expenditure made with funds received from the Wildlife and Sport
6 Fish Restoration Program.

7 (b) The auditor shall submit a report of the auditor's
8 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Audit; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Aquatic Resources Division; Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; Federal Funding

Description:

Requires the Auditor to audit the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Aquatic Resources Division's expenditures of funds received from the federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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