HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CLEARLY DELINEATE OR DISTINGUISH PROPERTY BOUNDARIES TO ENSURE THAT HUNTING ACTIVITIES ARE OCCURRING ON DESIGNATED LANDS.

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, include managing and administering the wildlife resources and enforcing the wildlife hunting laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, there have been incidents where hunters have hunted outside of public hunting areas and trespassed onto private lands; and

WHEREAS, because the boundaries between hunting areas open to the public and private lands are sometimes unmarked, some hunters may unintentionally crossover into private lands; and

WHEREAS, there have also been incidents where livestock have been killed by hunters trespassing on private lands; and

WHEREAS, because the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for enforcing wildlife hunting laws in the State, the Department should clearly delineate or distinguish property boundaries between hunting areas open to the public and private lands to ensure that hunters stay within designated areas for hunting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to clearly delineate or distinguish property boundaries to ensure that hunting activities are occurring on designated lands; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider designating lands that do not abut private lands as public hunting areas, in order to avoid the intentional and unintentional crossover of hunters onto private lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY:

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