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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT A GAME
MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT INCORPORATES ETHICAL MEANS OF GAME
POPULATION CONTROL INTO SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES.

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
2 direction to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to
3 administer a sustainable hunting program and to promote public
4 hunting; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 315, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, amends
7 Chapter 183D, HRS, to clarify that game mammals and birds
8 provide sustainable food sources and merit high-quality habitats
9 having sufficient food, water, and refuge to support viable
10 populations sufficient for hunting; and

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12 WHEREAS, Act 315 further recognizes that proper management
13 of game populations in appropriate areas benefits watershed
14 areas by minimizing negative impacts of those game populations;
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17 WHEREAS, in its report to the 2024 Legislature in response
18 to Act 315, the Department described its progress in
19 incorporating local hunting and fishing industries in its food
20 security and sustainability strategies; and

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22 WHEREAS, the report identified opportunities for hunters to
23 take game and achieve success in the use of hunting to control
24 game populations and offset negative impacts to ecosystems; and

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26 WHEREAS, concerns remain that the Department may continue
27 to employ unethical means of game population control rather than
28 rely exclusively on hunting and other humane means to prevent
29 overpopulation that negatively impacts sensitive watershed
30 areas; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
34 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to
35 adopt a game management plan that incorporates ethical means of



1 game population control as part of the Department's
2 sustainability strategies; and

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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:

Kurt Ferrell

