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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOATS.

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

- SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the population of
- goats is growing in west Hawaii island, leading to increasing
- concerns among residents as these animals pose a nuisance in 3
- neighborhoods and cause safety concerns on roadways.
- 5 are essential partners in conservation efforts, helping to
- mitigate the damage that goats cause when they proliferate in
- 7 environments to which they are not native and in which they have
- 8 no predators. The legislature therefore finds that bag limits
- 9 on goats in public hunting areas should be lifted or no longer
- 10 established.

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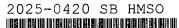
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the department of
- 12 land and natural resources from establishing or implementing bag
- 13 limits on goats in public hunting areas.
- 14 SECTION 2. Section 183D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 15
- 16 "(a) For the purposes of preserving, protecting,
- 17 conserving, and propagating wildlife, the department shall



- 1 establish, maintain, manage, and operate game management areas,
- 2 wildlife sanctuaries, and public hunting areas on land under its
- 3 control and, as it deems desirable, enter into agreements for
- 4 taking control of privately owned lands for those purposes [-];
- 5 provided that the department shall not establish or implement a
- 6 bag limit for goats in public hunting areas."
- 7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 570

Report Title:

Hunting; Goats; Bag Limits; Public Hunting Areas; Prohibition; Department of Land and Natural Resources

Description:

Prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources from establishing or implementing bag limits for goats in public hunting areas.

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