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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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;  
15 and

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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,



# S.C.R. NO. 237

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
4 and Natural Resources is urged to adopt a game management plan  
5 that incorporates ethical means of game population control as  
6 part of the Department's sustainability strategies; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
10 Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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OFFERED BY:

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