

A Bill for an Act Relating to Conservation of Wildlife and Plants.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 195D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§195D-5 Conservation programs. (a) The department shall conduct research on indigenous wildlife and plants and on endangered species and their associated ecosystems, and shall utilize the land acquisition and other authority vested in the department to carry out programs for the conservation, management, and protection of such species and their associated ecosystems. In addition, the department is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, donation or otherwise, lands or interests therein needed to carry out the programs relating to the intent and purpose of this part.

(b) The office of the governor shall review other programs administered by the department and, to the extent practicable, utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this section. The governor or his authorized representative shall also encourage other state and federal agencies to utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of this section by carrying out programs for the protection of endangered species and by taking such action as may be necessary to insure that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by them do not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered species.

(c) In carrying out programs authorized by this section, the department may enter into agreements with federal agencies and with the counties for administration and management of any area established under this section or utilized for conserving, managing, enhancing, or protecting indigenous wildlife, plants, and endangered species.

(d) In carrying out programs authorized by this section, priority shall be given to the conservation and protection of those endangered wildlife and plant species and their associated ecosystems whose extinction within the State would imperil or terminate, respectively, their existence in the world.

(e) The department shall coordinate with the natural area reserves commission and the animal species advisory commission all research, investigations, lists of indigenous and endangered wildlife and plants and programs for the conservation, management, enhancement and protection of species that are authorized by this part.

(f) The department may permit, under terms and conditions adopted by

rule, the taking, possession, transportation or exportation of any indigenous wildlife or plant on the endangered list for scientific purposes and for propagation of such species in captivity for preservation purposes.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

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

(Approved April 16, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.