

ACT 256

H.B. NO. 1370

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Forest Reserves.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 183, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§183- Harvesting from state-owned lands.** All harvesting of trees on public lands shall be done in accordance with a management plan approved by the board, and in accordance with the provisions regarding conservation of aquatic life, wildlife, and land plants, and the provisions regarding environmental impact statements. For any harvesting of native trees from public lands, the department shall use existing fire prevention and management programs and ensure that appropriate silvicultural practices are used to encourage native biodiversity and ecosystem processes. No native forests on public lands shall be converted to introduced forest plantations.”

SECTION 2. Section 183-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§183-16 Income from forest reserve.** In case any moneys accrue from any forest reserve, [or] the products thereof, or the sale of tree seedlings from state nurseries, the [same] moneys shall be deposited with the state director of finance to the credit of the general fund.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1997.

(Approved June 21, 1997.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.