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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STRIVE TO EXPEND THE STATE OF  
HAWAII'S FULL ALLOTMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE  
RESTORATION FUNDS.

1           WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of  
2     September 2, 1937, provides federal aid to states for management  
3     and restoration of wildlife, hunter education, and shooting  
4     range development; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the federal Pittman Robertson Wildlife Restoration  
7     Act of September 2, 1937 assesses a ten per cent tax on  
8     handguns, pistols, revolvers, and ammunition, an eleven per cent  
9     tax on bows and archery equipment, and a twelve and four-tenths  
10    per cent tax on arrow components that are appropriated to the  
11    United States Secretary of the Interior and apportioned to  
12    states on a formula basis for paying up to seventy-five per cent  
13    of the cost of approved projects including acquisition and  
14    improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife into  
15    suitable habitat, research into wildlife problems, surveys and  
16    inventories of wildlife problems, acquisition and development of  
17    access facilities for public use, and hunter education programs  
18    as supported in the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
19    Recreational Renaissance proposal, including construction and  
20    operation of public target ranges; and  
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22           WHEREAS, state matching funds are available through in-kind  
23    service projects including the valuation of time donated by  
24    volunteer instructors in the hunter safety program, for example,  
25    and by other means; and  
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27           WHEREAS, each year, the State of Hawaii does not use its  
28    full allotment of federal funding from the Federal Aid in  
29    Wildlife Restoration Act resulting in the unused funds being  
30    returned to the federal government for use in other programs;  
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WHEREAS, there are many potential projects in the State that qualify for use of the federal funds described above; and

WHEREAS, for instance, the development of a public target range on the island of Hawaii has wide-ranging community support and is needed; and

WHEREAS, using the federal funds allotted to the State would be a needed economic boost for the State; now, therefore,

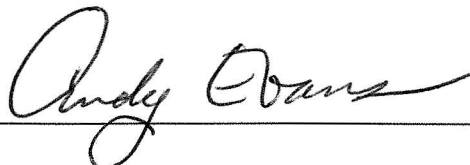
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources are respectfully requested to strive to expend the full allotment of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider the development of a shooting range on the island of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of all funds made available to the State through the use of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY:



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