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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUNTING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the hunting industry  
2 is a key component of the Lanai economy, as evidenced by the  
3 more than twenty-seven hundred applications for permits to hunt  
4 on Lanai received by the department of land and natural  
5 resources' Maui office in December, 2011. Non-resident hunters  
6 contribute to Lanai's economy by spending money on local  
7 businesses, including airlines, ferries, hotels, bed and  
8 breakfasts, restaurants, golf courses, and other retail  
9 establishments. It is estimated that the hunting industry  
10 generates more than \$1,500,000 in annual spending for Lanai.

11           The legislature further finds that residents of Lanai favor  
12 expanding the local hunting economy. A large game management  
13 area on the island of Lanai is operated by the department of  
14 land and natural resources, pursuant to a month-to-month lease  
15 with Castle and Cooke, Incorporated. However, the tenuous  
16 nature of the month-to-month lease is hurting the local economy  
17 by chilling investment in the area, causing the residents of  
18 Lanai to suffer. The residents believe that the game management



1 area is intended to be used as the site of a large number of  
2 wind turbines that will take at least ten years to build and  
3 operate. In the meantime, the land could be put to more  
4 immediate and economically beneficial use by securing a long  
5 term lease for the game management area.

6 The purpose of this Act is to promote long term leases for  
7 game management areas and to establish a task force to create a  
8 plan to promote a viable hunting industry on Lanai.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§183D- Game management areas; leases. The department  
13 of land and natural resources shall not enter into a lease to  
14 establish, maintain, manage, or operate any game management area  
15 on an island with a population less than five thousand persons  
16 that is for a period of less than ten years."

17 SECTION 3. (a) The department of land and natural  
18 resources shall make best efforts to convert the month-to-month  
19 lease of the Lanai game management area to a lease with a  
20 minimum term of ten years.

21 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall  
22 establish a Lanai hunting task force to be placed within the



1 department of land and natural resources for administrative  
2 purposes. The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
3 resources shall appoint a member of the task force to serve as  
4 chairperson.

5 (c) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
6 resources shall invite the following stakeholders to participate  
7 as members:

8 (1) Two members representing the Lana'i Hunting  
9 Association, one member each to be appointed by the  
10 president of the senate and the speaker of the house  
11 of representatives, respectively;

12 (2) Two members representing Lanaians for Sensible Growth,  
13 one member each to be appointed by the president of  
14 the senate and the speaker of the house of  
15 representatives, respectively;

16 (3) One member representing Castle and Cooke,  
17 Incorporated;

18 (4) One member representing the Maui Visitors Bureau;

19 (5) Two members representing the Lanai business community,  
20 one member each to be appointed by the president of  
21 the senate and the speaker of the house of  
22 representatives, respectively;



1 (6) One member representing the Maui department of  
2 economic development;

3 (7) One member who operates a legal bed and breakfast  
4 business on Lanai, to be appointed by the mayor of  
5 Maui county; and

6 (8) One member representing the department of land and  
7 natural resources.

8 (d) The members of the task force shall not receive  
9 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for  
10 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred during  
11 the performance of their duties under this Act.

12 (e) The task force shall meet on the island of Lanai to  
13 create a plan to encourage and promote the responsible growth of  
14 the hunting industry on the island of Lanai.

15 (f) The task force shall submit a final report of its  
16 finding, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the  
17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
18 the regular session of 2013.

19 (g) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2013.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall not be applied so as to impair  
21 any contract existing as of the effective date of this Act in a



1 manner violative of either the state constitution or article I,  
2 section 10, of the United States Constitution.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2880

**Report Title:**

Hunting; Game Management Areas; Task Force

**Description:**

Prohibits DLNR from entering into leases of less than ten years for certain game management areas. Requires DLNR to seek a minimum ten year lease for the Lanai game management area. Creates a task force to promote the hunting industry on Lanai.

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