
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 enhancement and
2 maintenance of sustainable public hunting opportunities for
3 subsistence and recreational purposes are of critical importance
4 to the State and its people. A coordinated resource management
5 effort involving stakeholders is needed to prevent and offset
6 the loss, destruction, or degradation of public hunting areas on
7 any island of the State and expeditiously find replacement land
8 for hunting.

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

12 "§183D- Hunting advisory commission. (a) There is
13 established within the department a hunting advisory commission,
14 which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the board. The
15 commission shall consist of twelve members to be appointed by
16 the governor in the manner provided in section 26-34. The
17 commission shall meet not less than quarterly. Membership on
18 the advisory commission shall consist of:



- 1 (1) Two members of the department having experience in
- 2 sustainable game management principles and practices,
- 3 to be designated by the chairperson of the board;
- 4 (2) One member from the division of conservation and
- 5 resource enforcement;
- 6 (3) Five members of the hunting community, of which there
- 7 shall be one member for each of the following
- 8 geographic areas: Oahu, Kauai, Maui, east Hawaii, and
- 9 west Hawaii;
- 10 (4) Executive director of the aha moku advisory council;
- 11 (5) One member who is a scientist with expertise in the
- 12 field of mammalogy or ornithology;
- 13 (6) One member representing the endangered species
- 14 recovery committee; and
- 15 (7) One member representing the tourism industry.
- 16 (b) The commission shall select its own chairperson. The
- 17 members shall receive no compensation for their services on the
- 18 commission but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary
- 19 expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of
- 20 their duties.

1 (c) The commission shall advise the board on proposals to
2 enhance and maintain to enhance and maintain the quantity and
3 quality of public hunting areas.

4 (d) The commission shall consult with the board on any
5 matter affecting hunting, including proposed rules. The
6 commission may take testimony and acquire information as it
7 desires and shall communicate its findings and recommendations
8 to the board."

9 SECTION 3. (a) There is established a hunting pilot
10 program on the island of Hawaii. The program shall be an
11 undertaking of the hunting advisory commission established
12 pursuant to section 2 of this Act. The hunting advisory
13 commission shall:

14 (1) Recommend to the department of land and natural
15 resources which public lands on the island of Hawaii
16 shall be designated as public hunting areas while
17 preserving designated watershed areas that are
18 protected in accordance with law; and

19 (2) Implement a game management plan or hunting plan for
20 the island of Hawaii after consultation with the
21 hunting community on the island of Hawaii and the



1 appropriate county agency having jurisdiction over
2 hunting and natural resource preservation.

3 (b) The hunting advisory commission shall report to the
4 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2015 and each session thereafter on its
6 efforts to comply with this section and the results thereof,
7 including a description of its activities in the year preceding
8 the report.

9 (c) This section shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$110,000, or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
13 administrative expenses of the hunting advisory commission
14 established pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the
15 funds appropriated shall be matched dollar-for-dollar by the
16 county of Hawaii.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

DLNR; Hunting; Hunting Advisory Commission; Report;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the hunting advisory commission. Establishes a hunting pilot program on the island of Hawaii. Makes an appropriation for the hunting advisory commission. (SD1)

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