
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 eleven 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 commission shall consist of:



- 1 (1) Two members of the department, to be designated by the
2 chairperson of the board; provided that one member
3 shall have experience in sustainable game management
4 principles and practices and one member shall have
5 experience in access or acquisition;
- 6 (2) One member from the division of conservation and
7 resource enforcement;
- 8 (3) Five members of the hunting community, of which there
9 shall be one member for each of the following
10 geographic areas: Oahu, Kauai, Maui, East Hawaii, and
11 West Hawaii; provided that not less than one member
12 shall possess experience in game bird hunting and not
13 less than one member shall possess experience in game
14 mammal hunting;
- 15 (4) Executive director of the aha moku advisory council;
- 16 (5) One member who is a scientist with expertise in the
17 field of mammalogy or ornithology; and
- 18 (6) One member representing the endangered species
19 recovery committee.
- 20 (b) The commission shall select its own chairperson. The
21 members shall receive no compensation for their services on the
22 commission but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary



1 expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of
2 their duties.

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

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

11 (e) Any action taken by the commission shall be by a
12 simple majority of its members. Seven members of the commission
13 shall constitute a quorum.

14 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the
15 commission shall be subject to sections 26-34, 26-35, 26-35.5,
16 and 26-36.

17 (g) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
18 to carry out its duties."

19 SECTION 3. (a) There is established a hunting pilot
20 program on the island of Hawaii. The hunting advisory
21 commission established pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall
22 advise the department of land and natural resources on the



1 implementation of the program. The hunting advisory commission
2 shall:

3 (1) Recommend to the department of land and natural
4 resources which public lands on the island of Hawaii
5 shall be designated as public hunting areas while
6 preserving designated watershed areas that are
7 protected in accordance with law; and

8 (2) Advise the department on a game management plan or
9 hunting plan for the island of Hawaii after
10 consultation with the hunting community on the island
11 of Hawaii and the appropriate county agency having
12 jurisdiction over hunting and natural resource
13 preservation.

14 (b) The hunting advisory commission shall report to the
15 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the regular session of 2015 and each session thereafter on its
17 efforts to comply with this section and the results thereof,
18 including a description of its activities in the year preceding
19 the report.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the



1 administrative expenses of the hunting advisory commission
2 established pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the
3 funds appropriated shall be matched dollar-for-dollar by the
4 county of Hawaii.

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

7 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
9 provided that section 3 of this Act shall be repealed on June
10 30, 2020.



Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the hunting advisory commission. Establishes a hunting pilot program on the island of Hawaii. Makes an appropriation for the hunting advisory commission. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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