
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 The purpose of this Act is to establish a game commission
10 to serve in an advisory capacity to the board of land and
11 natural resources.

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

15 "§183D- Game commission. (a) There is established
16 within the department a game commission, which shall serve in an
17 advisory capacity to the board. The game commission shall



1 consist of nine members to be appointed by the governor in the
2 manner provided in section 26-34. Membership on the game
3 commission shall include one member representing each county and
4 five members at-large; provided that:

5 (1) Each member shall be a hunter licensed in the State of
6 Hawaii under chapter 183D;

7 (2) At least one member shall have knowledge, experience,
8 and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural
9 practices;

10 (3) At least one member shall have expertise in tourism;
11 and

12 (4) No more than three members shall represent, be
13 employed by, or be under contract to any sector of
14 government.

15 (b) The game commission shall select its own chairperson
16 from among its members. The members shall receive no
17 compensation for their services on the game commission but shall
18 be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including
19 travel expenses, while attending meetings and while in the
20 discharge of their duties.



1 (c) The game commission may recommend policies and
2 criteria regarding the management, protection, and promotion of
3 public hunting in Hawaii and may recommend amendments to
4 existing department policies and procedures relating to hunting,
5 particularly regarding chapter 183D and chapters 13-122, 13-123,
6 and 13-124, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

7 (d) The game commission shall:

8 (1) Consult and advise the board on any matter affecting
9 hunting, including proposed rules and regulations;

10 (2) Develop and evaluate a five-year game management plan
11 and any changes to the plan as necessary;

12 (3) Establish criteria to be used in determining whether
13 an area is suitable for hunting;

14 (4) Conduct studies of areas for sustainable yield game
15 production or enhancement;

16 (5) Recommend to the board areas suitable for game
17 production or enhancement;

18 (6) Recommend policies and criteria regarding the
19 management, protection, and permitted uses of areas
20 that are used for hunting;



- 1 (7) Develop ways and means to extend and strengthen game
2 management areas, other designated hunting areas, and
3 mixed-use areas within the State;
- 4 (8) In carrying out its duties, consult the most
5 comprehensive up-to-date compilation of scientific
6 data;
- 7 (9) Make recommendations relating to the process of
8 hunting rules modification;
- 9 (10) Collaborate with agencies and persons who gather
10 information and implement hunting programs and data;
11 and
- 12 (11) Take testimony and acquire information as it desires
13 and communicate its findings and recommendations to
14 the board.
- 15 (e) Any action taken by the game commission shall be by a
16 simple majority of its members. Five members shall constitute a
17 quorum.
- 18 (f) All meetings of the commission shall be conducted
19 subject to chapter 92.



1 (g) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the game
2 commission shall be subject to sections 26-34, 26-35, 26-35.5,
3 and 26-36.

4 (h) The department shall provide administrative support to
5 the game commission. Federal moneys and other moneys that
6 become available to the department may be used to off-set
7 administrative costs incurred by the department.

8 (i) The game commission shall submit a report to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the regular session of 2016, and each regular session
11 thereafter, on its efforts to comply with this section,
12 including a summary of its activities during the year preceding
13 the regular session for which the report was prepared.

14 (j) The game commission may adopt rules pursuant to
15 chapter 91 to implement this section."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2016-2017 for the establishment of a game commission pursuant to
21 this Act.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DLNR; Hunting; Game Commission; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the State Game Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the BLNR. Appropriates funds. (HB1041 HD1)

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