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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 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 of public hunting areas and hunter opportunities on any  
7 island of the State and expeditiously find replacement land for  
8 hunting.

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a game management  
10 advisory commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the  
11 board of land and 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 management advisory commission. (a) There  
16 is established within the department a game management advisory  
17 commission, which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the  
18 board. The game management advisory commission shall consist of



1 nine members to be appointed by the governor in the manner  
2 provided in section 26-34. Membership on the game management  
3 advisory commission shall include:

- 4       (1) One member from the county of Kauai;
- 5       (2) Three members from the county of Maui, with one member  
6             from each of the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai;
- 7       (3) Two members from the county of Hawaii, with one member  
8             from east Hawaii and one member from west Hawaii;
- 9       (4) One member from the city and county of Honolulu;
- 10       (5) One at-large member; and
- 11       (6) The chairperson of the board of land and natural  
12             resources or the chairperson's designated  
13             representative, who shall serve as an ex officio  
14             voting member;

15 provided that each member, other than the chairperson of the  
16 board, shall be a hunter licensed in the State under chapter  
17 183D and shall have leadership experience in working directly  
18 with local hunter or shooting organizations; at least one member  
19 shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of  
20 native Hawaiian cultural practices; and no more than three



1 members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to  
2 any sector of government.

3 (b) The game management advisory commission shall select  
4 its own chairperson from among its members. The members shall  
5 receive no compensation for their services on the game  
6 management advisory commission but shall be entitled to  
7 reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,  
8 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their  
9 duties.

10 (c) The game management advisory commission may recommend  
11 policies and criteria regarding the management, protection, and  
12 promotion of public hunting in Hawaii and may recommend  
13 amendments to existing department policies and procedures  
14 relating to hunting, particularly regarding chapter 183D and  
15 chapters 122, 123, and 124 of title 13, Hawaii Administrative  
16 Rules.

17 (d) The game management advisory commission shall:  
18 (1) Consult and advise the board on any matter affecting  
19 hunting, including proposed rules and regulations;



- 1       (2) Assist in the evaluation and development of game  
2       management plans as appropriate or required and any  
3       changes to those plans as necessary;
- 4       (3) Assist in establishing criteria to be used in  
5       determining whether an area is suitable for hunting;
- 6       (4) Advise on studies of areas for sustainable yield game  
7       production or enhancement;
- 8       (5) Recommend to the board the areas that are suitable for  
9       game production or enhancement;
- 10       (6) Recommend policies and criteria regarding the  
11       management, protection, and permitted uses of areas  
12       that are used for hunting;
- 13       (7) Assist the department in developing ways and means to  
14       extend and strengthen game management areas, other  
15       designated hunting areas, and mixed-use areas within  
16       the State;
- 17       (8) In carrying out its duties, consult the most  
18       comprehensive up-to-date compilation of scientific  
19       data;
- 20       (9) Make recommendations relating to the process of  
21       hunting rules modification;



- 1       (10) Collaborate with agencies and other persons who gather  
2           information and implement hunting programs and data;
- 3       (11) Take testimony and acquire information as it desires  
4           and communicate its findings and recommendations to  
5           the board; and
- 6       (12) Assist the department on policies, plans, and  
7           procedures related to the control of game mammals,  
8           including aerial shooting activities by the department  
9           and its contractors.
- 10       (e) Any action taken by the game management advisory  
11       commission shall be validated by a simple majority of its  
12       members. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- 13       (f) All meetings of the game management advisory  
14       commission shall be conducted subject to chapter 92.
- 15       (g) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the game  
16       management advisory commission shall be subject to sections  
17       26-34, 26-35, 26-35.5, and 26-36.
- 18       (h) The department shall provide administrative support to  
19       the game management advisory commission. Federal moneys and  
20       other moneys that become available to the department may be used



1 to offset administrative costs incurred by the department for  
2 purposes of this subsection.

3 (i) The game managment advisory commission shall submit a  
4 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
5 convening of the regular session of 2017, and each regular  
6 session thereafter, on its efforts to comply with this section,  
7 including a summary of its activities during the year preceding  
8 the regular session for which the report was prepared.

9 (j) The game management advisory commission may adopt  
10 rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
14 establishment of a game management advisory commission pursuant  
15 to this Act.

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

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hunting; Game  
Management Advisory Commission; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the Game Management Advisory Commission to serve in  
an advisory capacity to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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