
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PREDATORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 183D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "predators" to read as
3 follows:

4 ""Predators" means animals destructive of wildlife by
5 nature of their predatory habits, including mongooses, cats,
6 dogs, and [~~rats-~~] rodents."

7 SECTION 2. Section 183D-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§183D-65 [~~Posting; destruction of predators.~~] Predators.

10 (a) On any game management area, public hunting area, or forest
11 reserve or other lands under the jurisdiction of the department,
12 predators deemed harmful to wildlife by the department may be
13 destroyed by any means deemed necessary by the department.

14 (b) Where the predators are dogs and the methods of
15 destruction may endanger pets or hunting dogs, all major points
16 of entrance into the area where the predators are to be
17 destroyed shall be posted with signs indicating that a program



1 of predator destruction in the area is in progress. Any
2 predator may be destroyed in a posted area without claim or
3 penalty whether or not the predator is the property of some
4 person.

5 (c) It shall be unlawful for individuals to release, feed,
6 water, or otherwise care for unrestrained predators on state
7 lands. An individual who violates this subsection shall be
8 assessed an administrative fine not less than:

- 9 (1) \$100 for a first violation;
- 10 (2) \$500 for a second violation; or
- 11 (3) \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

12 This subsection shall not apply to hunters that deploy,
13 feed, or water unrestrained dogs in the course of hunting."

14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Predator Control; Natural Resources

Description:

Prohibits individuals from releasing, feeding, watering, or otherwise caring for unrestrained predators on state lands. Establishes administrative fines for individuals that violate this prohibition. Exempts hunters that deploy, feed, or water unrestrained dogs in the course of hunting.

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