
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GAME MAMMAL, GAME BIRD, AND FISHING RESOURCES IN
ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND TO
PRESERVE LONG STANDING LOCAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports between eighty-five and ninety
2 percent of its food, and in the event of a natural disaster or
3 global event that prevents food shipment, Hawaii could face a
4 devastating food shortage; and

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6 WHEREAS, the practices of fishing and hunting have a long
7 history in the culture of Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, the availability of fresh, locally-caught
10 fish is a basic expectation in our communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, residents on the island of Molokai receive
13 approximately forty percent of their daily sustenance from
14 subsistence sources such as fishing, hunting, and backyard
15 farming; and

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17 WHEREAS, the residents of the island of Hawaii harvest up
18 to 1,000,000 pounds of game each year; and

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20 WHEREAS, game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food
21 source, and our State's unique relationship with the ocean
22 allows us the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game
23 industry into our food security profile; and

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25 WHEREAS, policies on conservation and protection of
26 terrestrial and marine resources should promote the concept that
27 game mammals, game birds, and marine resources are an integral
28 part of our island culture; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2016, that this body urges the conservation,



1 development, and utilization of game mammal, game bird, and
2 fishing resources; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes that
5 pioneered introductions, such as the pig, and later
6 sustainability introductions, such as goats, sheep, and deer,
7 are now recognized as game mammal and game bird resources and
8 should be included among the game management resources supported
9 to achieve sustainability and food security; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges state
12 departments to develop and update their rules and policies to
13 integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food
14 security or sustainability strategies they employ and to
15 preserve, protect, and promote these industries and local
16 cultural practices to nurture them into viable and sustainable
17 economic, nutritional, and cultural resources; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
21 Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
22 Resources.

