
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO SUSTAIN GAME POPULATIONS, PROVIDE GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAND FOR HUNTING, AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT HUNTING.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
2 its Division of Forestry and Wildlife have not adopted a plan
3 for wildlife management that addresses game as a resource for
4 food and recreation; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that active game management
7 to produce game for subsistence and recreational hunting should
8 be a goal of wildlife management; and

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10 WHEREAS, interpretations of wildlife management vary
11 considerably among biologists and other wildlife experts but the
12 following three concepts are common among definitions of
13 wildlife management:

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15 (1) Efforts directed toward wild animal populations;

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17 (2) Relationship of habitat to wild animal populations;
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20 (3) Manipulation of habitats or populations to meet some
21 specified societal goal; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Legislature affirms that managing game for
24 subsistence and recreational hunting is a goal of wildlife
25 management; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
28 its Division of Forestry and Wildlife are responsible for
29 conducting habitat and wildlife population inventories and
30 evaluations, determining public priorities for wildlife
31 resources, and directing management efforts to pursue goals that



1 recognize public priorities, including priorities regarding the
2 manipulation of habitat and wildlife populations; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that many people confuse
5 game management with wildlife preservation; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that conservation is an
8 effort to maintain and use natural resources wisely with the
9 goal of ensuring that those resources remain available for
10 future generations; and

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12 WHEREAS, the wise use of resources may vary from actively
13 managing wildlife populations by hunting to protecting and
14 preserving populations and habitats; and

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16 WHEREAS, in situations where wildlife populations are in
17 danger of extinction, the preservation of wildlife and habitat
18 can require leaving natural systems undisturbed by humans; and

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20 WHEREAS, game management is also a component of
21 conservation and usually involves controlling, directing, or
22 manipulating wildlife populations or their habitats; and

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24 WHEREAS, wildlife managers often seek to increase,
25 decrease, or stabilize wildlife populations so that wildlife may
26 be removed on a regular and continuing basis; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2016, that the Department of Land and Natural
31 Resources and its Division of Forestry and Wildlife are urged to
32 actively manage wildlife to sustain game populations; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
35 Natural Resources and its Division of Forestry and Wildlife are
36 also urged to provide greater public access to land for hunting;
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
40 Natural Resources and its Division of Forestry and Wildlife are
41 further urged to improve evaluation and management efforts on
42 each island to support hunting; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Mayor of each county.

OFFERED BY:

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