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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The interstate wildlife violator compact is a  
2 multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting,  
3 fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulations across  
4 jurisdictions. For example, the interstate wildlife violator  
5 compact would prevent wildlife violators who have lost their  
6 hunting, fishing, trapping, or other wildlife related privileges  
7 in other member states from obtaining a hunting license in  
8 Hawaii. Similarly, persons who have been punished with license  
9 revocation in Hawaii would be barred from engaging in those  
10 activities in another state. The compact also establishes a  
11 process by which nonresident wildlife law violators can be  
12 treated as state residents for purposes of law enforcement,  
13 thereby easing the administrative burden on the enforcement  
14 agency and reducing enforcement gaps that may allow the violator  
15 to fail to comply with the terms of the citation. The  
16 legislature finds that reciprocity agreements such as the



1 interstate wildlife violator compact are an important part of  
2 any law enforcement effort.

3 The interstate wildlife violator compact is modeled after  
4 the successful multistate driver license compact and nonresident  
5 violator compact, and Hawaii is party to both compacts. Forty-  
6 seven states have passed legislation necessary to join the  
7 interstate wildlife violator compact.

8 The legislature further finds that existing member states  
9 to the interstate wildlife violator compact have reported little  
10 to no added costs or administrative burdens associated with  
11 participating in the compact. The information system that  
12 facilitates participation is available for free to member  
13 states.

14 The purpose of this Act is to allow the department of land  
15 and natural resources to become a member of the interstate  
16 wildlife violator compact or similar agreement.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
19 designated and to read as follows:

20 "§183D- Interstate wildlife violator compact. (a) The  
21 department may enter into the interstate wildlife violator



1 compact or similar agreement, whether in the form of a  
2 memorandum of understanding, written agreement, or mutual aid  
3 compact, with an appropriate state, federal, or foreign entity  
4 for mutual assistance in the enforcement of hunting, fishing,  
5 and other wildlife laws, rules, or regulations in their  
6 respective jurisdictions.

7 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
8 necessary for enforcement of the agreement entered into pursuant  
9 to subsection (a)."

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the  
13 department of land and natural resources to enter into the  
14 interstate wildlife violator compact.

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

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



**Report Title:**

Wildlife; DLNR; Multi-jurisdictional Agreement; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. Appropriates funds. (SB2156 HD2)

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