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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Hawaii's 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 500,000 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 Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes  
2 that pioneered introductions, such as the pig, and later  
3 sustainability introductions, such as goats, sheep, and deer,  
4 which are now recognized as game mammal and game bird resources,  
5 should be recognized as resources in game management areas; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the  
8 conservation, development, and utilization of agricultural  
9 resources, fish, minerals, forests, water, land, game mammals,  
10 and game birds in appropriate locations; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges state  
13 departments to develop and update their rules and policies to  
14 integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food  
15 security or sustainability strategies they employ and to  
16 preserve, protect, and promote these industries to nurture them  
17 into viable and sustainable economic, nutritional, and cultural  
18 resources; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
22 Board of Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land  
23 and Natural Resources.  
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